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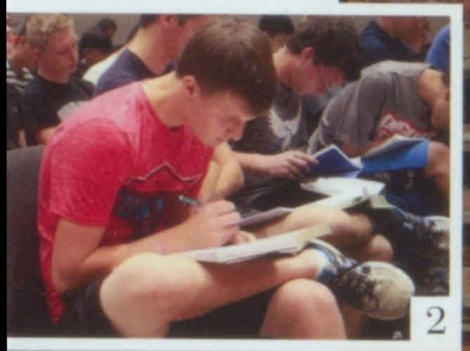

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3. The senior class gathers for a picture during Senior Night a few days prior to graduation. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Richard Li, Kevin Yu, Bekah Feddersen, Manisa Hongdilokkul, Halle Strong, Arwen Zhang, Angelina Rodriguez, An Chu, Linh Nguyen. Row 2: Baron Bai, Ben Janssen, Brad Hilderbrand, Laura Carlson, Carsyn Ostrand, Bella Yin, Michelle Huang, Sara Royle, Emma Kaczor, Tainsley Sebek. Row 3: Curt Bailey, Z Ha, Cejay Mieth, Jada McHargue, Ali Winsterman, Kate Pipher, Adrienne Falk, Madi Felt, Skylar Swantek. Row 4: Dream Tungtweegait, Til Lyu, Barry Zhang, Jon Dockweiler, Ryan Dexter, Cody Griess, Justin Brock, Jake Twogood, Noah Boersen, Toby Watson, Bennett Zaruba. Not Pictured: Savannah Thomas.

What Is Your Favorite High School Memory?

"Trimming Jake's eyebrows."
- Angelina Rodriguez (12)

"Spending time with the guys in the dorm on a snow day."
- Kevin Yu (12)

"Deep Talk Tuesdays."
- Halle Strong (12)

A New Beginning

Seniors Prepare for the Next Chapter

Everyone is unique in their own individual ways. For most high school seniors from Nebraska Christian, this chapter of high school, where friendships are formed, memories are made, and lessons are learned, is an important ingredient in forming their uniqueness. "My time at NC has been a time of change. I have grown physically, socially, intellectually, and spiritually. I have enjoyed being involved in various activities and getting to know my fellow students," said **Ben Janssen (12)**.

Oftentimes, seniors are reluctant to come out of their comfort zone and enter college or the next step in their life. The class of 2019 is prepared to leave their comfort zone and embark on a journey to where God is leading them.

Entering the next chapter in life after high school can be intimidating and scary, but this new beginning is essential in continuing their story. **Bennett Zaruba (12)** explained, "I'm really excited about my next chapter in life. I can't wait to start my education journey towards becoming what I've wanted to be. It just boils down to trusting God with everything and letting Him take lead in my life. He knows what is best for me and all He wants is my obedience to Him."

No matter where God takes the class of 2019, the friendships, lessons, and memories created in high school will always remain a pivotal part of their development.

- Cody Griess (12)

In Translation

Communicating Business Skills

In a class of 40 students, there are many unique things about each person. One individual in particular is **Arwen Zhang (12)**. Zhang is an international student from China who has attended Nebraska Christian for three years. For the past few summers, Arwen has worked for a heating company (CGCB) back in China. "My favorite part of my job is getting to learn from experienced businessmen," said Zhang. Her main duties are to translate between Chinese and English for businessmen from different countries. She has worked with men from the Netherlands, Germany, the United States, and Turkey. Zhang feels that her three years spent at NC communicating with her classmates and friends has benefited her tremendously in polishing her English.

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1. **Skylar Swantek (12)** pulls the rope in a tug-of-war contest during Spiritual Emphasis Day. This was the first opportunity the E-groups really got to bond and get to know each other, and the day set the stage for future E-group activities.

2. Senior **Ben Janssen** takes notes during Spiritual Emphasis Day. Rich Peterson and Josh Thiessen taught on understanding who Jesus is. Our seniors enjoyed the chance to dig into God's word and grow in their faith.

4. The football captains stand together during the coin toss on senior night. They showed great senior leadership in their actions and words through success on and off the field.

5. **Barry Zhang (12)** sculpts Play-Doh with kindergartener **Stetson Stuhmer**. **Ms. Hannah Myers**, the kindergarten and ELL teacher, often had her ELL students work with kindergarten "buddies." This created friendships that spanned ages and grades.

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6. During the annual back-to-school carnival, senior **Manisa Hongdilokkul** paints a pirate patch on **Cal Seip's (5)** face. Every year, the dorm girls run a face painting booth that is one of the most popular carnival attractions.

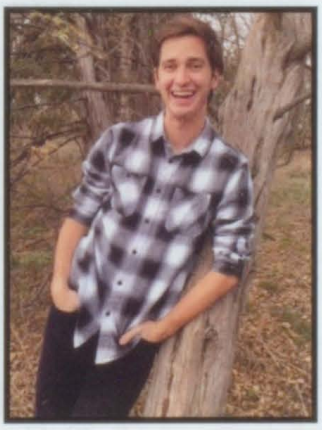
7. **Cody Griess (12)** explains an activity to **Tug Burdett (8)** during Spiritual Emphasis Day. The E-group leaders made it a point to make sure no one felt left out and everyone had a great time.

8. On the first day back to school from summer break, **Carsyn Ostrand (12)** and **Jada McHargue (12)** smile on their way to the opening assembly. Everyone was excited to kick off the year and meet the new superintendent, **Mr. Tim Hekrdle**.

9. With a smile on her face, senior **Emma Kaczor** carries sand bags to be loaded on a truck. Many seniors and juniors volunteered to help those in need in Archer after the record flooding.

Runqi (Baron) Bai

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: TaiYuan, China
10 Year Plan: I will open a dessert house in China.



Curtis Richard Bailey

Student Council Vice President

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Central City
10 Year Plan: I'll be an up-and-coming fiction author, who writes in a treehouse. My family is moving to Japan to become Samurai warriors.

Noah James Boersen

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Cairo
10 Year Plan: Teaching Spanish to Latin-American children.

Justin Allen Brock

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Yankton, South Dakota
10 Year Plan: Graduated from college and working as a lawyer.

Laura Elizabeth Carlson

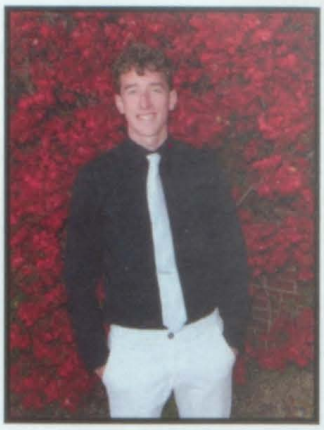
Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Marquette
10 year plan: Living where UV rays are at 10 everyday, spending my days eating chocolate ice cream, swimming with manatees, and getting my nails done.

Nhat An Chu

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
10 year plan: I hope that I'll be having my favorite job and be able to understand investments to make more money.

Ryan David Dexter

Years at NC: 9-1/2
Hometown: Central City
10 year plan: Being a professional race car driver going around the world driving race cars.



Jonathan Levi Dockweiler

Student Council President

Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Central City
10 year plan: I'm gonna own Amazon.

Adrienne Vanessa Faith Falk

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Pleasanton
10 year plan: ...in 2029

Rebekah Anna Feddersen

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Kearney
10 year plan: Making documentaries about the adventures of Halle and Tainsley as they live a nomadic existence.

Madison McKayla Felt

Years at NC: 7
Hometown: Central City
10 year plan: Living in a bathroom drinking only my tears because I can't afford anything else. #daveramsey

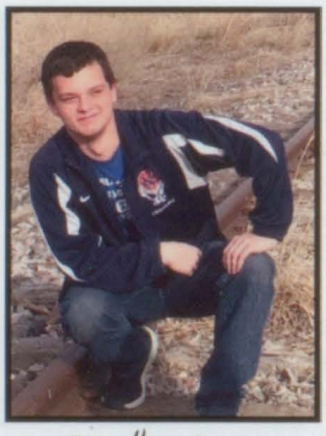
Cody Joseph Griess

Senior President

Years at NC: 6
Hometown: Grand Island
10 year plan: I will be co-owner of a successful Mexican restaurant with Angelina. In my free time I will be a freelance monk.

Duong Phan Dia (Z) Ha

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Ha Noi, Vietnam
10 year plan: Be the richest man in the world, creating a happy world where all people, no matter skin color or religion, can live happily.



Bradley James Hilderbrand

Years at NC: 7
Hometown: Central City
10 year plan: It will be a surprise to see everyone.

Manisa Hongdilokkul

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Bangkok, Thailand
10 year plan: Somewhere on earth

Yuting (Michelle) Huang

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Taiyuan, Shanxi, China
10 year plan: If I become a doctor, I will establish my own hospitals worldwide

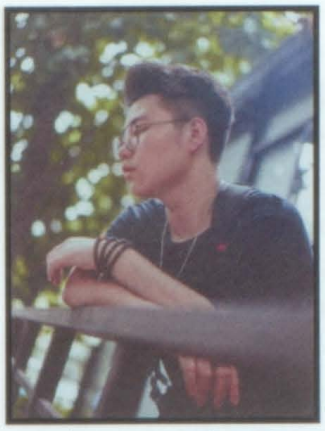
Benjamin David Janssen

Student Council Secretary

Years at NC: 6
Hometown: Marquette
10 year plan: I will have visited every South American country and grown the world's largest pumpkin and the largest tomato.

Emma Grace Kaczor

Years at NC: 6
Hometown: Boelus
10 year plan: Eating some tots while hunting wolverines in Alaska and shooting them with my 12-gauge while trying to attack my cousins!



Zecheng (Richard) Li

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Guang Zhou, China
10 year plan: I will have my own company, and I will have lovely family.

Yipin (Til) Lyu

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Qingdao, China
10 year plan: I will travel the world.

Jada Grace McHargue

Years at NC: 12
Hometown: Central City
10 year plan: Traveling the world, visiting exotic places, and checking everything off my bucket list. As well as being tan all year long.

Cejay Paige Mieth

Years at NC: 6
Hometown: Central City
10 year plan: Working with kids, hopefully in ministry, but God may have different plans for me that I didn't even know about.

Linh Phuong Thao Nguyen

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
10 year plan: I am gonna be a successful and rich businesswoman.

Carsyn Brooke Ostrand

Years at NC: 12
Hometown: Central City
10 year plan: Laying on the beach in the Bahamas, getting ready to fly back to watch my husband play in the Super Bowl.

Kate Elisabeth Pipher

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Central City
10 year plan: In Washington, D.C. working on Capitol Hill as Ron Swanson 2.0... minus the mustache.

Angelina Justine Rodriguez

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Columbus
10 year plan: Owning and running a Mexican restaurant with my business partner Cody. My side job will be a freelance nun.

Sara Katherine Royle

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Central City, Nebraska
10 year plan: I'll be fine.

Tainsley Claire Sebek

Years at NC: 1-1/4th
Hometown: Hampton
10 year plan: The same as Halle.

Halle Jeanne Strong

Years at NC: 11
Hometown: Polk
10 Year Plan: I'll be homeless in the streets of Missouri leading a Jesus gang with Tainsley.

Skylar Grace Swantek

Years at NC: 5
Hometown: Genoa
10 Year Plan: Going on wild adventures, playing pro soccer (and landing an around the world trick), creating art, and catching criminals.

Savannah Lynn Thomas

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Seneca
10 Year Plan: Hopefully being a Psychologist under Law Enforcement and dealing with some messed up people.

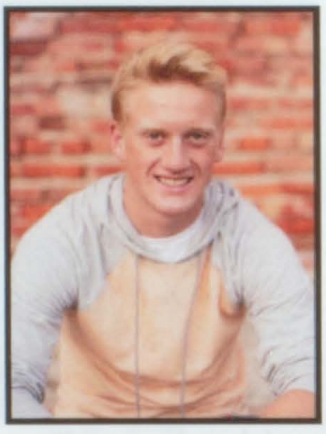
Peerapat (Dream) Tungtweegait

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Thailand
10 Year Plan: RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD

Jake Elliot Twogood

Senior Vice President

Years at NC: 5
Hometown: Stromsburg
10 Year Plan: A space farmer on Mars, sent by Elon Musk.



Toby Orr Watson

Senior Secretary

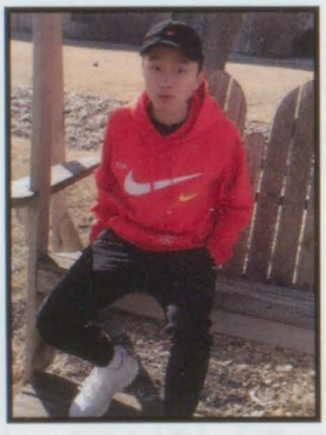
Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Grand Island
10 Year Plan: Being the proud manger of a weight room where you only can squat and making millions off of the buying & selling of Legos.

Alison Ann Winsterman

Years at NC: 9-1/2
Hometown: Central City
10 Year Plan: I hope to be a PA working in an Emergency Room and/or hospital.

Jiayi (Bella) Yin

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Taiyuan, China
10 Year Plan: I'll live in some isolated island with my family. Maybe build a city in the ocean. I could dive everyday and perhaps have the chance to see mermaid.



Yaoning (Kevin) Yu

Senior Treasurer

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Yuci, China
10 Year Plan: Fashion will follow me.

Bennett Size Zaruba

Years at NC: 12
Hometown: Clarks
10 Year Plan: Traveling the world, learning different types of architecture, and swimming with dolphins (after I get past the point of drowning).

Shiyong (Barry) Zhang

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Taiyuan, China
10 Year Plan: Be a very rich man.

Tingyu (Arwen) Zhang

Student Council Treasurer

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Taiyuan, China
10 Year Plan: Teaching economics in an African jungle with my rich husband who has dark blue eyes.

Senior Superlatives

Most Likely To...

...break onto the field at a Husker football game - Cody Griess

...only have one kid - Adrienne Falk

...faint during his vows - Ben Janssen

...fake her own death - Tainsley Sebek

...disappear for 30 years - Brad Hilderbrand

...have puppies born on the first day of college - Cejay Mieth

Class Verse

"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." - 1 Timothy 4:12 (ESV)

Class Motto

"When the world goes left, I go right." - Kevin Yu

Class Flower

White Rose

Class Colors

Navy, White, and Carolina Blue

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1. **Curt Bailey (12)** mirrors Senior Bible teacher **Mr. Donnie Halbgewachs** on the homecoming dress up day "Staff/Student Swap." Many students took the opportunity to show off how well they knew their teacher's style.

2. Seniors **Madi Felt**, **Halle Strong**, and **Tainsley Sebek** thin violet plants in Botany class. This class was mostly made up of seniors and provided an excellent chance to learn new skills while leading elementary students.

3. **Bella Yin (12)** and **Michelle Huang (12)** indulge in root beer floats during an end of school StuCo-sponsored event. This final StuCo event of the year provided a nice study break before finals.

4. **Kate Pipher (12)** entertains elementary students during the school carnival. The event allowed for upperclassmen to volunteer their time and made the evening fun for all.

Senior Class by the Numbers

40 Students in the Senior Class

18 Students Who Qualified for State Events in 2018-2019

5 Students who have attended 10+ years

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1. **Christopher Needham (11)** works on extra homework during study hall. Junior year is infamous for being one of the most academically challenging years at NC, and many juniors needed two study halls to keep up with all the work.

2. During Conference One Act, held at the PAC in Central City, **Garrett Swantek (11)** serves **Jada McHargue (12)** at the concession stand. All the juniors took turn serving during the year to raise money for their senior trip.

3. Junior **Seth Hower** tries to get around a blindfolded **Abby Berck (4)** during a keep-away game on the last day of school, while **Isaac Halbgewachs (9)**, **Stone Swantek (9)**, and **Zach Egeland (9)** cheer him on. On the last day of school, the Servant Leadership Team treated staff and students to a cook-out and game time.

4. The juniors pose for a picture for Class Color Day during Homecoming week. **Josie Maberry (11)** made cookies with orange frosting to match their assigned class color: orange.

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Hunter Dixon
Kalob Green
Amy Hilderbrand
Seth Hower
Kendyl Jividen
Bryce Krieger
Grace Langemeier

Moses Lu
Josie Maberry
Emily Meng
Jamie Myers
Christopher Needham
Garrett Nokelby
Talia Parlane

Clay Purkerson
Sam Qu
Jordan Schnell
Stephanie Strobel
Garrett Swantek
Keith Wasomi
Johnny Wu

Off to the Races

Strobel Spends Free Time Tearing Up The Track

Many students participate in activities outside of school along with their school obligations. **Stephanie Strobel (11)**, when she's not on the court or in the classroom, prefers to be in the driver's seat. Strobel has been racing go-karts since she was 11 years old, alongside her brother **Christian Strobel (7)**. Strobel competes mainly during the summers in go-kart races in the surrounding states. Every out-of-state race requires about a full two days of practice before hand, but Strobel is happy to put in the work. "I enjoy racing because I get to do it alongside my brother, and it's a fun thing to do as a family." she said. She has had much success in her sport and is excited to continue racing for years to come.

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5. Unable to keep from laughing, **Talia Parlane (11)** loses the "don't smile" challenge to **Josie Maberry (11)**. This was one activity for students on the last day of school.

6. **Bryce Krieger (11)** carries sandbags during the flood clean up day in Archer. Many students of the junior class gave up time to go help clean up debris and and haul sandbags.

7. **Emily Meng (11)** paints faces at the school carnival night. This was Meng's second year helping paint faces alongside the other international girls at the school sports scrimmage and carnival.

8. **Kendyl Jividen (11)** participates in the fall sports pep rally by trying to ride her bike the slowest. Jividen made a strong effort and ended up winning the challenge.

9. Juniors **Keith Wasomi**, **Clay Purkerson**, **Garrett Nokelby**, **Kalob Green** and **Christopher Needham** sing together with Mrs. Brodie Wheaton at her house on the junior trip.

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Under Pressure

Juniors Remain Steadfast Through the Stress

Junior year... the "calm" before the storm of college applications and recommendation letters. This in-between year of not-quite-old enough-to-graduate, yet still college bound has its own set of challenges. Standardized testing, running the concession stand, and the overall burden of academic work itself is enough to take each student in different directions. Despite this fact, the junior class of 2019 has remained unified and faithful to each other throughout the struggle.

The class expressed their unity by all serving faithfully in the concession stand together. "I enjoyed concessions because I got to be with my classmates," said **Hunter Dixon (11)**, when asked about his time serving during games and other events.

Life sometimes has a way of pulling people apart as high school ends and college begins, but it is certain that the friendships made this year will last for a lifetime.

- Josie Maberry (11)

Favorite Memory From Concessions?

"Doing concessions at the first state football game at Central City."
- Jamie Myers (11)

"Spilling pickle juice on **Josie [Mayberry (11)]**'s new shoes."
- Amy Hilderbrand (11)

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1. **Fame Punpoka (10)** stands in front of his locker, dressed up for the student/staff day during homecoming week. Students dressed up in different costumes during Homecoming week.

2. **Grant Stuhmer (10)** tries to fend off **Lucy Perry (1)** and **Selah Perdew (2)** with a pool noodle. This game, which included all students, had two blindfolded students trying to protect a pile of shoes from the other team.

3. **Shelby Swanson (10)**, **Tenny Sebek (10)**, **Devyn Burmeister (10)**, **Olivia Janssen (10)**, and other sophomores walk towards the gym for the opening assembly on the first day of school. The assembly is a first day of school tradition.

Elijah Boersen
Caden Bokelman
Ethan Burdett
Devyn Burmeister

Elijah Green
Xavier Herman
Gabe Huenefeld
Poko Hongdilokkul
Olivia Janssen
Cody Kaczor
Michel Kondohoma

Chaeyeong Lee
Connor Lovejoy
Gavin Lyburger
Carl Mundt
Aidan Pipher
Fame Punpoka
Tenny Sebek

Joshua Strong
Grant Stuhmer
Shelby Swanson
James Thomas
Charlotte Wang
Jai Wu
Toby Zaruba

X CODING

Learning Through Robotics

This year is the second year that NC has participated in robotics. NC robotics had a pretty juvenile team last year with only a couple experienced members. Sophomore **Xavier Herman**, who is new to NC this year, is a member of the robotics team and plays a major role on the team. He has special talents in coding and the construction of robots, which is a difficult task.

Herman said, "I helped on some parts of the building; moreover, I did most of the coding and programming for the team." In robotics, programming has to be accurate and exact in order to make the robots move around and pick up cones in the competition.

With the help of Herman's coding, the team won competitions and qualified for Nationals.

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4. **Josh Strong (10)** playfully chokes **Toby Zaruba (10)**'s neck as Zaruba lays on the ground during a One Act practice. The two boys were not afraid to get physical for one of their scenes for One Act, but they kept the fighting on the stage.

5. Holding a pitcher, sophomore **Charlotte Wang** serves guests at the Harvest Festival. She enjoyed her Harvest Festival experience, saying, "It was a really good thing to serve people. It is really fresh for me and gives me different experience."

6. **Gavin Lybarger (10)** plays tug of war during Spiritual Emphasis Day. On that day, students competed within E-groups in several team building activities.

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7. Sophomore **Michel Kondohoma** works on a project in Manufacturing I. Man I was one of the most popular electives among freshmen and sophomores.

GROWING IN STRENGTH

Tackling Responsibilities and Maturing

Every school year begins with new opportunities and more responsibilities, especially for the sophomores. Setting up outstanding examples for younger generations while learning from the upperclassmen. They stepped up, matured, and grew this year. It is always tough for sophomores to bond together while facing new challenges and taking more responsibilities to still be considered underclassmen.

Many sophomores were involved in sports and other activities, such as speech or football, which built their connections with their classmates and even upperclassmen. **Elijah Boersen (10)**, who was part of the football team and helped the team finish with an undefeated regular season, said, "Our bonding grew through the love of the game. Everyone wanted to win and played hard to do their best, even down to the younger players. We looked up to the elders and followed their examples."

Sophomores find themselves in activities to help them grow and mature.

- Keira Yu (12)

Three Words to Describe Your Sophomore Year?

"There was homework?"
- James Thomas (10)

"What is sleep?"
- Grant Stuhmer (10)

"Easier than freshman [year]."
- Elijah Green (10)

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1. **Jonathan Needham (9)**, **Lizzy Powers (9)**, and **Cejay Mieth (12)** lead worship during chapel. A group of 10-15 students took turns leading chapel worshi

2. Though they are supposed to be working together, freshman **Zach Egeland** (right) steals his classmate **Stone Swantek**'s pool noodle and begi fighting him. Pool noodle keep-away was one of several activities **Mr. Andy Falk** planned for the last day of scho

3. **Charlie Cheng (9)** helps **Lily Francl (1)** during his English Language Learners (ELL) class. The ELL class helped the young elementary students with readin

Charlie Cheng
Chandra Davis
Boxin Du
Zachary Egeland

Ellie Eihusen
Dayton Falk
Molly Griess
Isaac Halbgewachs
Kaler Johansen
Link Lin
Kyle Mi

Shelby McHargue
Sidney McHargue
Ethan Merchant
Kobe Morris
Kaleb Morton
Daniel Musgrave
Jonathan Needham

Andrew Nguyen
Peter Paul
Nehemiah Peters
Lizzy Powers
Tabitha Seip
Chantz Stuhmer
Stone Swantek

Finding Support

Du Fights Tourette Syndrome

Boxin Du (9) is a international student from China. Du has Tourette syndrome. Tourette is a series of tics, which are uncontrollable repetitive movements and sounds. Symptoms first develop during childhood. Du's symptoms began when he was four years old. Tics can be simple or complex. Du suffers from complex tics. It is a genetic condition. He was not diagnosed until coming to America and enrolling at NC. Du says, "The people are more understanding here." Although symptoms may last a lifetime, tics usually heighten during the early teenage years with improvement in adulthood.

Du has a range of methods and support from friends and teachers to help him cope with the many tics that come with his condition.`

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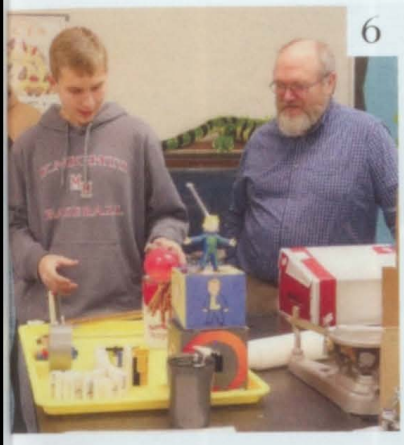
4. **Isaac Halbgewachs (9)** attempts to ride a miniature bicycle during Digging Deeper. Digging Deeper was a day of fun for all ages and featured the Champions Forever basketball and unicycle show.

5. At the state track send-off, **Tabitha Seip (9)** receives a gift from the student council, given by StuCo Adviser **Becky Ritta**. Seip competed in three events at state track.

6. **Peter Paul (9)** explains to **Mr. Mike Flynn** how his Rube Goldberg project will work. Rube Goldberg machines were one of the favorite projects for the Physical Science class.



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7. **Chandra Davis (9)** competes in a tug of war competition on Spiritual Emphasis Day. This was one of the many challenges students competed in that day, which was designed to promote friendship within E-groups.

On Route to Success

Persevering Through a Different Schedule

Freshman year is unforgettable for most students. It is the beginning of a four year long trek through high school. Each student is unique and adjusts to high school in his or her own way. Some of the students looked up to the older students, while others preferred to learn on their own.

One way the freshmen interacted with other classes was through their E-groups. **Peter Paul (9)** said, "My favorite event this school year was Spiritual Emphasis Day. It was fun getting to know the different people in my e-group."

Although each freshman found a different way to cope with the transition to high school, they all endured the same thing. The freshmen found a way to persevere through stressful schedules and larger amounts of homework. The classmates still have a long way to go until graduation, and there will still be plenty to prove, but this year was a great starting point.

- Nehemiah Peters (9)

What Is Your Favorite Class?

"Physical Science, because it is where my interests collide."
- Jonathan Needham (9)

"My favorite class is art because I like to draw."
- Kobe Morris (9)

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Drew Bailey, 7
Graci Boersen, 7
Alexandra Bruning, 7
Adam Carlson, 7
Caitlin Chiles, 7
Gavin Falk, 7
Rachel Hale, 7

Zach Huenefeld, 7
Justin Maberry, 7
Christopher Medlock, 7
Kylie Merchant, 7
Gracie Musgrave, 7
Richie Musgrave, 7
Amanda Needham, 7

Micah Perdew, 7
Hope Seip, 7
Faith Springer, 7
Christian Strobel, 7
Grace Strong, 7
Hannah Swanson, 7
Tug Burdett, 8

Amanda Carlson, 8
Ethan Carlson, 8
Micah Davis, 8
Marisa Fetterley, 8
Reghan Flynn, 8
Micah Green, 8
Isaac Herman, 8

Gabe Langemeier, 8
Sarah Lasso, 8
Truitt Merchant, 8
Owen Morris, 8
Marlie Mundt, 8
Jacob Nokelby, 8
Grace Papazian, 8

Destination Imagination

Creativity Runs Wild

Destination Imagination is an organization that sends out challenges for groups of junior high and high school students. The types of team challenges include technical, scientific, fine arts, improvisational, structural, and learning.

Two NC students, **Elijah Peters (8)** and **Sarah Lasso (8)**, competed in these challenges. They had to work together to create a skit and compete in one other challenge. These were compared against other teams. Lasso said, "My favorite part about Destination Imagination is the way it includes all my interests--art, music, and acting--all while creating a solution to a problem." The duo placed second at state and qualified for globals.

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1. Celebrating their success, the junior high boys rejoice after completing the "circle sit" challenge on the last day of school. The students had to trust each other and work together to complete the challenge.

2. **Claire Pipher (8)** and **Grace Musgrave (7)** talk to their teacher, **Mrs. Janice Stuhmer**, while doing an FCS project. For the first time in several years, FCS was available for junior high students to take, giving them more options in their schedule.

3. **Claire Pipher (8)**, **Ethan Carlson (8)**, **Marlie Mundt (8)**, and **Marisa Fetterley** watch as a rocket blasts off. The rockets were one of the projects the eighth grade industrial technology class enjoyed doing.

4. **Malachi Zaruba (8)**, **Sophie Swanson (8)**, and **Riley Schreiber (8)** compete in a "floor is lava" challenge during the fall sports pep rally. This pep rally featured junior and senior high athletes and ended with a game for the entire student body.

5. **Christopher Medlock (7)**, **Gavin Falk (7)**, and **Micah Perdew (7)** help teach a science lesson to kindergarten students **Brinlee Galles** and **Charlotte Hale**. Teaching younger students helped the junior highers cement in their memories what they had learned.

Drew Perdew, 8
Elijah Peters, 8
Claire Pipher, 8
Cooper Schnell, 8
Riley Schreiber, 8

Terry Sebek, 8
Amy Springer, 8
Sophie Swanson, 8
Will Twogood, 8
Malachi Zaruba, 8

Moving Up

Junior High Students Embrace the Changing Times

Junior high is an exciting time for students. Some are transitioning from being the oldest kids in the elementary; others are anticipating being a high schooler. These two years bring a lot of change, from a new building and new teachers to a new schedule.

With this fresh schedule, many students start to make choices about which classes they will take. Some will have to change the way they dress because of the new dress code. Many students will make new friends and keep their ties with old ones.

Zach Huenefeld (7) said, "The hardest part about transitioning to junior high is the amount of homework given and how much harder it is."

Although the students are going through a lot of change, they have all dealt with the change really well and will succeed on their way to and through high school.

- Nehemiah Peters (9)

What Are You Looking Forward to in High School?

"I am looking forward to being with my brothers."
- Micah Green (8)

"I look forward to pursuing my dream by participating in drama and creative writing in high school."
- Amanda Carlson (8)

"I am looking forward to a bigger variety of classes I can take."
- Cooper Schnell (8)

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Ava Conklin (P)
JoJo Green (P)
Stella Musgrave (P)
Eden Paschke (P)
Norah Ratliff (P)
Brinlee Galles (K)
Gabriel Green (K)
Charlotte Hale (K)

Aubrey Krug (K)
Bentley McHargue (K)
Bekah Rankin (K)
Orrin Strong (K)
Stetson Stuhmer (K)
Will Zinger (K)
Ryan Berck (1)
Caleb Dieckmann (1)

Lily Franel (1)
Macyn Gustafson (1)
Spencer Hekrdle (1)
Linus Herman (1)
Lucy Perry (1)
Kaity Berck (2)
Abby Burmeister (2)
Christian Jividen (2)

Bethany Needham (2)
Selah Perdew (2)
Caleb Peters (2)
Ali Rayne Williams (2)
Emma Zanger (2)
Noah Creutzberg (3)
Caleb Huenefeld (3)
Kaley Krug (3)

Anisha McCray-Luce (3)
Trev McHargue (3)
Ava Merchant (3)
Emily Perry (3)
Abby Berck (4)
David Chiles (4)
Quentin Herman (4)
Matthew Needham (4)

Flying Away

A Long Awaited Trip

Above: Lucy, Kate, Emily, and Alexis Perry.

For Christmas vacation this year, the Perry family traveled to the country of Wales, which is next to England in the United Kingdom. **Alexis (4)**, **Emily (3)**, **Lucy (1)**, and their parents took this trip to visit family; their dad is from Wales, and all his family still lives there. Highlights of their trip included celebrating Christmas with family, playing with cousins, hiking up a mountain, hunting for waterfalls, climbing on the rocks by the ocean, and going bowling with friends.

1. **Ryan Berck (1)** and **Gabriel Green (K)** walk back across the school lawn soaking wet after running through the football water fountain at the opening carnival and sports scrimmage. Everyone, especially the elementary students, enjoys the carnival and the time to run around and play games.

2. **Joshua Green (6)**, **David Chiles (4)**, and **Nathan Fetterley (6)** listen carefully to the instructions of a high school botany student teaching on how to plant and care for basil. The basil they planted and grew eventually went to Prairie Creek Winery to be used for cooking.

3. **Emily Perry (3)**, **Kaley Krug (3)**, **Noah Creutzberg (3)**, and **Ava Merchant (3)** pose for a picture during recess on a wonderful sunny morning early in the fall. The students go out for recess at least twice a day for fresh air and sunshine.

4. The 4th-6th graders work intently on a new system of testing the school tried out this year called MAPS testing. This system was used for all kindergarten through 10th grade students.

Alexis Perry (4)
Haddie Rankin (4)
Ava Brumbaugh (5)
David Carlson (5)
Sheridan Falk (5)
Julia Merchant (5)
Taytum Perdew (5)

Hananiah Peters (5)
William Poland (5)
Cal Seip (5)
Olivia Bokelman (6)
Isabelle Brumbaugh (6)
Isaiah Davis (6)
Josiah Davis (6)

Nathan Fetterley (6)
Jonah Green (6)
Joshua Green (6)
Grayce Gustafson (6)
Oliver Herman (6)
Zander Merchant (6)
Evelyn Poland (6)
Alyssa Springer (6)

Game On

Taking on a New Adventure

The Nebraska Christian Elementary is full of life. The elementary added two new teachers this year, **Ms. Hannah Myers** and **Mrs. Amy Merchant**, as well as new superintendent **Mr. Tim Hekrdle**, who all contributed to the fresh and vibrant atmosphere. The elementary teachers came upon this year's theme idea when the Heartland E-Free church did their summer VBS, which was called "Game On." They loved the idea and wanted to incorporate it into the new school year.

The teachers got access to the decorations through the preschool teacher **Mrs. Stacy Berck**. After they picked the theme, they found a verse to go along with it. **Ms. Amy Schreiber** said, "I love the memory verse, which is 2 Peter 1:3. [In] teaching the students that God has already given [them] everything to live a life of serving and loving others, He calls [them] to grow in [their] knowledge of Him. What a great reminder for us all."

- Jada McHarque (12)

What Is Your Dream Job?

"I want to become a doctor or a general surgeon, just like my dad."
- Cal Seip (5)

"I want to become famous as well as a doctor, magician, scientist, and a mom."
- Selah Perdew (2)

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Stacy Berck: Preschool Teacher
Harold Cook: Custodian
Curtis Cooper: Custodian
Joshua Davis: General Contractor, Girls' Soccer
Tom Dockweiler: Business Manager, Driver
Terry Elge: Wrestling
Andy Falk: Math, Bible, National Honor Society

Monica Falk: Custodian
Ruth Ferris: Secondary Library Aide
Amy Fetterley: Foundation Assistant
Dee Flynn: Boys' Dorm Parent, Science, Quiz Bowl
Kaity Flynn: English, Women of Vision, Girls' Dorm Parent
Mike Flynn: Boys' Dorm Parent, Music, Bible, Driver
Stephani Francl: Development Director

David Gee: Industrial Technology
Donnie Halbgewachs: Bible
Karmen Hamer: English, Drama, Speech
Tim Hekrdle: Superintendent/Principal, Driver
Jody Heuermann: Foundation Director
Daurice Hower: Assistant to the Superintendent
Steve James: Guidance Counselor, Driver

Donna Janssen: Elementary Paraprofessional
Ronda Jividen: Elementary Paraprofessional
Renate Johansen: Art
Scott Johnson: Cross Country
Gib Killion: International Program & Dorm Director, Bible
J.C. Kleier: Broadcasting Club
Kristy Langemeier: Special Events Coordinator

Deb Lovejoy: Head Cook
Maxine Madison: Cook
Clay Mankin: Social Studies, Bible, Driver, Boys' Soccer
Erin Mankin: Girls' Basketball
Jewel Marco: Driver
Amy Merchant: 1st-3rd Grades
Karen Mielke: Business Office Secretary

Beginning Of An Era

New Superintendent Joins NC Staff

Right: Superintendent **Tim Hekrdle** reads to the elementary students on the first day of school.

Each new school year brings in new faces, including teachers, faculty, and administrators. In 2018-2019, one new staff member was superintendent/principal **Tim Hekrdle**. Hekrdle previously was the interim principal at Barr Middle School in Grand Island.

The superintendent has many roles, including making sure the school functions at a high level and ensuring the mental, physical, and spiritual well-being of the staff and students. Hekrdle said one of the highlights from his time at NC so far is "when I see our staff and students coming together to work and serve, like the Board of Education and the NC Foundation Board all coming together to work toward the common purpose of saving the Ad Building."

1. **Ms. Amy Schreiber** talks to her elementary students about some of the plants in the greenhouse. Schreiber incorporated botany into her science curriculum through the opportunity to spend time in the greenhouse. **Mrs. Dee Flynn** and her botany students taught the younger students the basics about greenhouses and gardens.

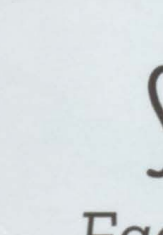
2. **Mrs. Patty Welk, Mr. Eric Zanger,** and **Mr. Carl Ostrand** participate in a team building exercise at a staff in-service. This exercise was one of many activities teachers and staff members experienced during the inservice led by Dr. Jeff Mattner from the Association of Christian Schools International.

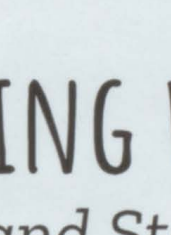
3. **Mrs. Janice Stuhmer** shows the ins and outs of sewing to **Marisa Fetterley (8)**. Stuhmer has taught the FCS class for a number of years for high school students, and this year junior highers were able to take the class, as well.

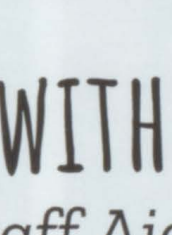
Tara Mundt: Science
Sara Musgrave: Spanish

Hannah Myers: Kindergarten, ELL
Angela Needham: Int'l Program Assistant, Driver
Carl Ostrand: Social Studies, Bible, Football, Track, Driver
Tonya Ostrand: Volleyball
Andy Perdew: Boys' Basketball
Becky Ritta: Communications, Yearbook, StuCo
Bob Ritta: Maintenance Director

Susan Ritta: Executive Secretary
Paula Rutten: Reading Tutor
Lorenzo Santillan: Girls' Soccer
Vonda Schnell: Cook
Amy Schreiber: 4th-6th Grades
Denise Schreiber: Librarian, Elementary Math & PE, Afternoon Kindergarten
Larry Schreiber: School Counselor, Activities Director







Wendy Schweitzer: Cook
Cheri Strong: Cook
Janice Stuhmer: Family Consumer Science, English, Elementary Art
Sarah Swanson: Math, Elementary Math
Gordon Thiessen: Chaplain
Patty Welk: Elementary Library Aide, Resource
Eric Zanger: Bible, Business, Computer, Weights

Serving With Heart

Faculty and Staff Aid Students

The faculty and staff are vital to the well-being of the entire school. The staff constantly invests their time into the lives of the students, teaching them and guiding them in spiritual truth as well as physical truth. **Mr. Andy Falk** and **Mrs. Sarah Swanson** lead Bible studies every Thursday for any student who would like to attend. Swanson said, "It is a privilege for me to be able to sit in with the girls weekly Bible study. I am so encouraged by the Bible teaching that helps the girls that attend (and myself) to grow in their walk with the Lord and to be accountable to and pray for each other."

Every staff and faculty member is a gift from God to each one of the 215 students attending NC. These people are lights in the dark world, and they constantly are showing the students how to be more godly.

- Seth Howler (11)

The Best Part of Working at NC?

"Being able to facilitate teachers to do their best and supporting students and their families."
- Daurice Howler

"The encouraging environment is one of the best benefits for me."
- Curtis Cooper

Most Important Lesson Learned During Class?

"Not to mess around in **Mr. [David] Gee**'s class. If it's push-ups or embarrassment or something else, he'll teach you not to do it again."

- Hunter Dyson (11)

Going to public schools my whole life hasn't helped me in applying God's worldview in education. So I think just being able to learn but in God's way is probably the most important lesson I've ever learned at school!

- Ellie Eikusen (9)

"The lessons have taught me that God loves me."

- Faith Springer (7)

"Not to bring hot coffee to class and spill it on math books."

- David Carlson (5)

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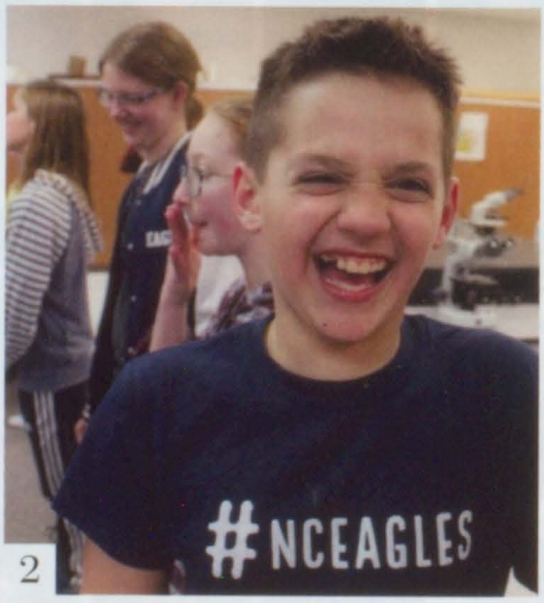

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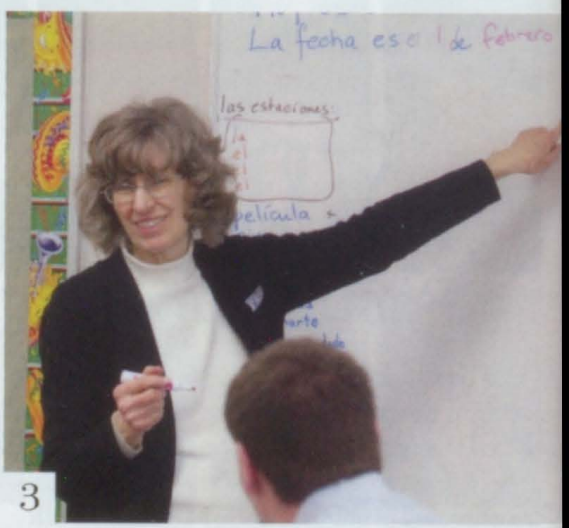
2. **Cal Seip (5)** laughs as he is caught on camera. Interactive classes and engaging teachers made classes enjoyable for all ages.



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3. **Mrs. Sara Musgrave** instructs her students in Spanish vocabulary. Musgrave was known for her dynamic teaching style and unique memory hacks.

BRILLIANT MINDS

NC Students Grow In the Classroom

Part of the unique way God has wired people is to learn and create. The academics at Nebraska Christian embrace this aspect by the way students are educated.

The staff challenge students in ways that require students to commit to the process, innovate, and think critically. Classes are challenging. Teachers require excellence. Days are intense. But, the product produced is worth the input. Students leave classes as deeper individuals with reinforced work ethics.

All classes are taught through the lens of a Biblical worldview, which enhances every lesson and brings weight to classes. Teachers truly care about their students and mentor them throughout the school year. **Noah Boersen (12)** commented on his favorite class, Men of Vision, saying, "I have taken this class two years in a row and both years I've learned great advice that applies to my future. I have a great leader who teaches by example and is great to learn from."

The academics are rigorous and equip students to handle their futures, whether it be college or employment, skillfully. **Arwen Zhang (12)**, who was the top senior student academically, said, "My favorite class is the Advanced Chemistry with **Mrs. [Dee] Flynn** because I like the process of independent learning with assistance from her. I enjoy studying at my own pace, asking questions, and discussing freely."

Nebraska Christian's academics require much from students, but students receive much in return. Graduating students will look back on their NC education with gratefulness for the teachers, curriculum, and biblical worldview training.

- Kate Pipher (12)

1. Senior **Kate Pipher** instructs **Haddie Rankin (4)** on how to properly pinch a basil plant. Botany was an avenue for both secondary and elementary students to experience hands-on learning.

4. First-year senior Bible teacher **Donnie Halbgewachs** impresses his students with his unicycling skills. Halbgewachs' classroom was unique and a new adventure everyday.

5. **Caden Bokelman (10)** presents his Rube Goldberg to a group of fellow classmates during Physical Science. One of the fascinating portions of the class was interacting with students' inventive projects.

6. Kindergartener **Aubrey Krug** concentrates on her Daily Values Checklist. Kindergarten teacher **Hannah Myers** focused on the character as well as academic progress of her students.

7. **Jake Twogood (12)** balances on **Toby Watson (12)** to drill a laser engraving project into the office wall. Laser class was known for their creative projects that beautified the school.

8. In a unique learning setting, Ms. Stephanie Olson from the Set Me Free Project educates students on the dangers and reality of human trafficking. Practical presentations like these equipped students for the real world.

9. Senior **Laura Carlson** (far right) prays over her E-group in the hallway. E-Groups were a way to demonstrate that learning and growth take place outside the classroom.

FIRM FOUNDATION

Students Gain Pivotal Knowledge Through Christ-Centered Education

At Nebraska Christian, there is a wide variety of classes offered to students of all ages. The core classes here expand the knowledge of the students on basic educational topics. However, the way these classes are presented is intentionally designed to connect what the students are learning in school to their faith. Teaching classes from a Biblical perspective challenges the students spiritually, while also growing them academically.

Ethan Merchant (9) said, "I love how every teacher in class is teaching us about God. It makes living out my faith much more of a reality." The godly examples set by the teachers encourage students to live out their faith even in a Christian environment.

Junior **Jordan Schnell** commented, "I love being able to discuss events from the past with Christian teachers who can help point us to truths found in God's word."

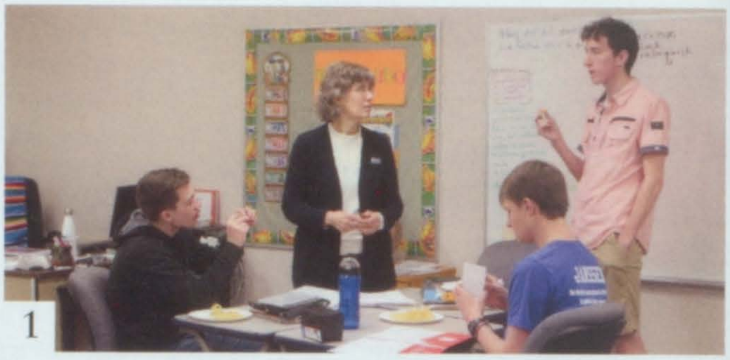
Through the Christ-centered teaching in school and God's faithfulness, students at NC receive an education that goes beyond simply head knowledge, reaching both heart and soul.

- Adrienne Falk (12)

1. **Mrs. Sara Musgrave** listens as **Jon Dockweiler (12)** explains his thoughts on a new snack the class was trying. In both Spanish I and Spanish II, students were given the opportunity to try various Mexican foods.

2. **Ben Janssen (12)** helps **Hope Seip (7)**, **Amanda Needham (7)**, **Amanda Carlson (8)**, and **Reghan Flynn (8)** construct a chain representing the numbers of Pi. Many of **Mr. Andy Falk**'s senior high math students helped run Pi Day activities for elementary and junior high students.

3. Working together to complete their Spanish assignment, **Jamie Myers (11)** and **Cejay Mieth (12)** focus on their project. **Mrs. Sara Musgrave** included hands on learning activities for the Spanish students.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4. Elementary students focus intently on their computers during MAP testing. This type of testing allowed the elementary students to track their improvement throughout the year.

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5. Eighth graders **Tug Burdett**, **Micah Davis**, **Owen Morris**, and **Elijah Peters** help teach science to elementary students. The elementary students loved the chance to interact with the older students.

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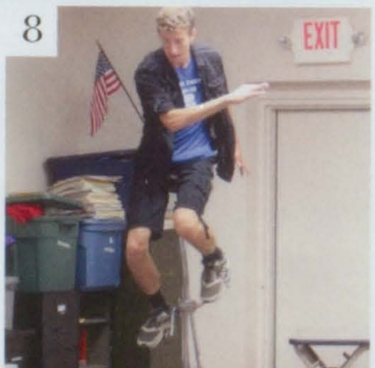
6. **Michelle Huang (12)**, and **Kevin Yu (12)** receive some advice from **Mrs. Dee Flynn** during an Anatomy and Physiology lab. The A & P students appreciated the hands-on learning present in this class.

7. **Linus Herman (1)** uses a helpful addition tool to complete his math homework. The elementary teachers tried to incorporate some fun and useful tools to assist the students in their work.

8. Attempting to keep his balance, **Jon Dockweiler (12)** pedals across the room during Bible class. First-year NC teacher **Donnie Halbgewachs** brought his unicycle to Bible class one day and gave students an opportunity to ride it.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37 Verses Memorized by the Freshman Class

8 Years **Mr. Andy Falk** Has Taught at NC

56 High School Classes Offered at NC

9. **Tabitha Seip (9)** explains how her Rube Goldberg is going to function and the task it will perform. The freshman students were very creative with their Rube Goldberg ideas this year.

10. **Richard Li (12)** proudly shows off his pumpkin he carved in ESL class. In **Ms. Hannah Myers'** first year teaching at NC, she helped students have fun in the classroom while also learning.

11. Kindergarteners **Bentley McHargue** and **Bekah Rankin** listen intently as **Jacob Nokelby (8)**, **Riley Schreiber (8)**, and **Cooper Schnell (8)** teach an important science concept. Junior high science students were given the opportunity to help teach elementary students.

12. Working diligently in class, **Caitlin Chiles (7)** tries to complete her homework. Students of all ages greatly appreciated time in class to finish their work for the day.

13. **Sara Royle (12)** performs a task with bubble solution, which represents a cell membrane. The different labs offered in the science classes were designed to expand the students' understanding of the concepts.

Encouraging Creativity

Science Project Showcases Students' Innovation

1. **Peter Paul (9)** gets ready to set his Rube Goldberg in motion. Students from other classes always enjoyed coming to watch on the presentation day.

2. Making the final changes to the Physics class Rube Goldberg, **Sam Qu (11)** prepares to present it to the Physical Science class. The Physics class enjoyed working together to create the perfect project.

One of the most anticipated science projects is the Rube Goldberg in Physical Science. This project requires not only creativity from the students, but also a working knowledge of physics.

The project requirements are to create a complex machine to perform a simple task, and include three different simple machines. **Mrs. Dee Flynn** said, "This project allows students to go through the entire engineering process, and it's fun to see the wide variety of tasks they perform."

Not only was this a project for the Physical Science students, but the Physics class made one as well. Physics student **Jake Twogood (12)** said, "The Rube Goldberg project was a great learning experience, and it was fun to make one more advanced."

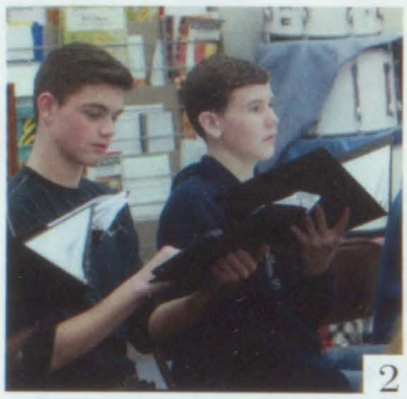
The Rube Goldberg project is one designed for students to show their knowledge of physics, while also challenging their creativity.

What Was Your Favorite Class This Year?

"English, because **Miss Kaity [Flynn]** makes it fun."
- Dayton Falk (9)

"Choir, because I love to sing praises to God."
- Ethan Burdett (10)

"Laser Engraving because of the friendships built in that class."
- Angelina Rodriguez (12)



1. The soprano section gets animated during their last practice before district music. The choir received a superior in district competition due to its stellar performance.

2. **Garrett Nokelby (11)** and **Aidan Pipher (10)** sing along during their practice before the Festival of Lessons and Carols. Both Pipher and Nokelby have been members of the choir all of their high school careers.

3. The choir performs at the Festival of Lessons and Carols. This event gave the students a chance to sing along with a full orchestra and professional maestro. The students practiced relentlessly beginning in October in order to be ready for this very unique event.

4. Senior **Ben Janssen** performs a duet with his sister **Olivia Janssen (10)** during the Spring Concert. Both Janssens performed multiple pieces during the concert, including solos and a duet piano piece.

5. **Tainsley Sebek (12)** sings her solo piece on "Is He Worthy" during the graduation ceremony while **Charlie Cheng (9)** plays the piano. Cheng was the only student accompanist this year and did a wonderful job.

Junior **Clay Purkerson** sings a solo during the The Festival of Lessons and Carols.

Choir Crescendos

Purkerson Sings His Way to All-State

The Nebraska All-State Choir is a very prestigious group that brings together the state's best singers and places them in a choir of 400 at the Lied Center in Lincoln to put on a concert of a lifetime. This year, junior **Clay Purkerson** was accepted into the choir and traveled to Lincoln for a three-day practice period before the concert. "I worked really hard, and I was really excited that I made it," said Purkerson. He had a blast performing with the other singers and intends on auditioning next year, also.

Singing Out

Choir Continues Praising the Lord in Song

The Nebraska Christian Choir has long made a name for itself with its superior competition ratings and exquisite performances and tours on Sundays. Not only is the choir comprised of many amazing voices, but it is also centered around worshiping the Creator with their voices. This year's choir was no exception. Under the leadership of **Mr. Mike Flynn**, they sang many beautiful pieces that ultimately glorified God in their words and appealed to the ears in their melodies. When asked what she liked most about choir **Talia Parlane (11)** said, "I enjoyed singing for the Lord and spending time with my friends during choir tours."

God gave the choir a very successful season with lots of superior ratings at district music and very successful choir tours throughout the year.

- Josie Maberry (11)

What Was Your Favorite Piece to Sing?

"Bring Him Home."
- James Thomas (10)

"Oceans."
- Ellie Eihusen (9)

Playing Loud

Band Continues to Have Success in Competition

The Nebraska Christian Band, led by **Mr. Mike Flynn**, has long been a highlight of many concerts, special events, games and pep rallies. This year's band was no exception. At conference and district competition, the band received a superior rating. Of the competitive season, **Chantz Stuhmer (9)** said, "We all worked really hard and practice a lot and I think that we did a extremely well."

The band also adopted multiple new pieces to play this year, such as a compilation of songs from the well-known movie *The Greatest Showman* and the clarinet section playing the *Batman* theme song for both competition and the spring concert.

This year's band did an excellent job playing at events and honoring the Lord with their instruments and musical talents.

- Josie Maberry (11)

What Was Your Favorite Piece to Play?

"Seven Nation Army."
- Justin Maberry (7)

"The Greatest Showman Medley."
- Kendyl Harden (11)

1. The trumpet and saxophone sections practice at the PAC before the annual spring concert. The trumpet section was the largest section this year.

2. **Amy Hilderbrand (11)**, **Talia Parlane (11)**, **Olivia Janssen (10)**, and **Isabelle Brumbaugh (6)** play their part during the Spring Concert. The flute section also did a beautiful section piece together during the concert.

3. (Clockwise from top left) **Bryce Krieger (11)**, **Jonathan Needham (9)**, **Seth Hower (11)**, and **Justin Maberry (7)** practice before the Spring Concert. All four boys worked very hard during practice and in turn made the concert run very smoothly.

4. **Lizzy Powers (9)** and **Reghan Flynn (11)** perform with the saxophone section. Both Powers and Flynn are newer members to the band and contributed greatly to the saxophone section as a whole.

5. **Amy Springer (8)**, **Evelyn Poland (6)**, **Julia Merchant (5)**, and **Link Lin (9)** play their clarinets together during the spring concert. The secondary band was able to perform together with the 5th and 6th grade band, and it was great to see the younger students have the chance to be involved with the upperclassmen.

Seth Hower (11) and **Ethan Merchant (9)** play together during the Homecoming pep rally.

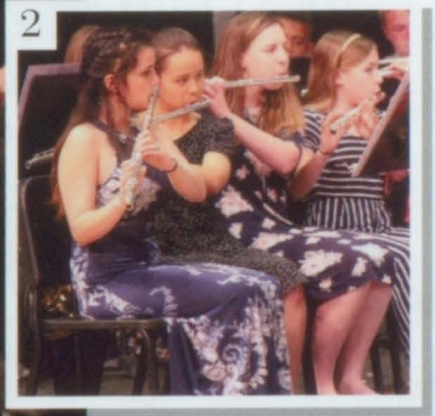
Crunch Time

Merchant Steps up to Aid Band in Time of Need

The day before the district competition, the band lost a vital member in tuba player **Seth Hower (11)** due to unforeseen circumstances. Seeing the need, **Ethan Merchant (9)** stepped up to the task of learning all the tuba music for the competition.

When asked how he felt about the task, Merchant said, "I was really nervous, but it went better than I expected."

Merchant's courage helped the band once again earn a "I" rating at district.



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Art Classes Focus on God-Honoring Creations

Art class... where making messes are encouraged and the mind is set free to create and construct whatever comes to it. This year's art students etched and sketched, smudged and spilled, and twisted and turned their numerous projects into complete masterpieces. When asked what his favorite project of the year was, **Cody Kaczor (10)** said, "Working with cardboard was really fun." Some of their other projects included doing a portrait in pencil, a clay sculpture and a surrealism piece.

The art classes spent time talking about what makes art "good" and what type of art honors God. So when the students learned that the Goldenrod Conference Art Show's project would be learning how to draw scary and/or demonic creatures, they decided not to attend. Their art was still able to be judged in, and the results were astounding. Not only did three students receive best-in-show honors, but the team placed first overall!

- Josie Maberry (11)

1. **Skylar Swantek (12)** shows the art class her drawing of Rocky Balboa. Swantek put many hours into the drawing and gave it to her brother as a present.

2. Senior **Sara Royle** works on her cardboard project during class. Royle painted a starry sky with different sponges and brushes to make it look as lifelike as possible.

3. **Jordan Schnell (11)**, **Skylar Swantek (12)**, and **Emily Meng (11)** pose after winning ribbons for best in show during conference art. All three of them worked very hard to perfect their projects.

4. **Noah Boersen (12)** works on making a flower pot for his mom for Mother's Day using a pottery wheel. Art students got to use many different mediums and tools to create and develop their own style.

5. **Z Ha (12)** works on drawing his life size man project. The students worked on how to draw people proportionally on a page so that the person they were drawing could look more lifelike.

Seniors **Jon Dockweiler**, **Emma Kaczor**, **Angelina Rodriguez**, **Curt Bailey**, and **Ben Janssen** pose in front of their large snowman on the front lawn of the Ad Building.

LET IT SNOW

Students Creatively Embrace the Frosty Weather

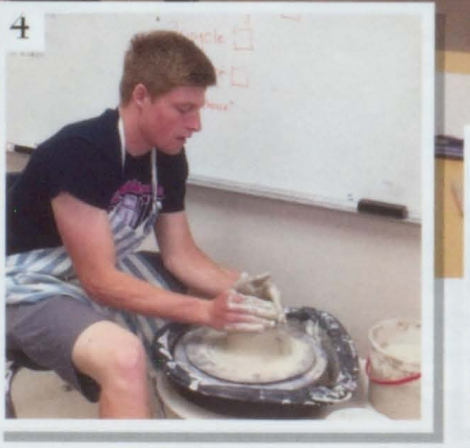
This winter the seniors in 6th period art decided to use their artistic skills to battle the apathetic winter season. They all put on their gloves and built a gargantuan snowman in front of the high school building. "It was cold, but it was fun to build," said **Emma Kaczor**.

The snowman brought much joy to the students who passed by it and helped the classmates express their creativity, while using the excessive amount of snow this winter to their advantage.

What Is Your Favorite Form of Media ?

"Basic paper and a pencil is the best."
- Bryce Krieger (11)

"Using a pencil and blending stick is fun."
- Laura Carlson (12)



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1. **Madi Felt (12)** who played a fierce warrior with a British accent, convinces "Clank," an evil henchman to "The Irony," played by **Bekah Feddersen (12)**, to let them into her lair. Both Felt and Feddersen have been in drama multiple years and were vital members of the cast.

2. **Halle Strong (12)** applies her makeup before going on stage. Strong played the role of "Trish," a teenage girl with a love for basketball.

3. **Tainsley Sebek (12)** runs across the stage as a screaming news reporter, revealing crucial information to the plot. Sebek also played the role of "Plot Twist," a character designed to change the plot of the story by causing havoc for the actors.

4. Lead actors **Curt Bailey (12)** and **Bekah Feddersen (12)** pretend to beat "Superdude" **Brad Hilderbrand (12)** with a graham cracker. One of Superdude's main weaknesses, along with asthma, was graham crackers.

5. **Josh Strong (10)**, who played "Dave," a school janitor, tries to convince his oafish brother "Ugh," played by **Toby Zaruba (10)**, to help him on his mission to save "Superdude." Both did an amazing job playing their parts.

SET THE STAGE

One Act Presents Original Script

The 2018 drama students embraced their own creativity and writing talents and presented *Ugh! The Irony*, a melodrama focusing on the conflict of good and evil in the face of heartache, accompanied by some serious comedy. **Curt Bailey (12)**, the main author of the play, spoke on his ideas behind the script, saying, "I wrote it in a burst of inspiration one night, and it was a blast seeing the characters come to life."

The team put in about 40 hours of practice to perfect the play and finally took the stage for conference and districts, where they placed 8th (out of 10) and 6th (out of 7), respectively.

Competitive results are only one measure of success. The experience and camaraderie gained made the one act season spectacular, no matter the results.

- Josie Maberry (11)

THE SHOW MUST GO ON

Hongdilokkul Takes Lead at Public Performance

When **Bekah Feddersen (12)** got sick the day before the team's public performance, the team was forced to switch around roles. One of the most drastic changes was crew member **Manisa Hongdilokkul (12)** taking on the role of "Clank." "I was very scared to go on stage, but I had fun filling in for the team," she explained.

Due to her status as a transfer student, Hongdilokkul was not eligible to have a speaking role in a competition, but her contribution saved the show at the public performance.

Favorite Scene Of The Play?

"The end scene when everyone was acting together was the best."
- Olivia Janssen (10)

"The scene where 'The Irony' and 'Superdude' fight. It was so ridiculous."
- Jon Dockweiler (12)

Most Useful Skill Learned in FCS?

"Learning how to bake monster cookies."
- Micah Davis (8)

1. **Alison Winsterman (12)** sews her quilt, paying close attention to detail. Winsterman was the only upperclassman to take FCS and, therefore, was able to get to know some of the younger students better.

2. Eighth grader **Grace Papazian** keeps her fingers away from the needle as she uses the sewing machine. Sewing was one of the many skills that the students learned during the class.

3. **Grace Musgrave (7)** carefully uses an iron to straighten out her piece of fabric. Musgrave said that making pajama pants was her favorite project because she gets to lounge in them on the weekends.

LIFE SKILLS

Equipping Students for the Future

Forthe first time in a number of years, the junior high students were given the opportunity to take Family Consumer Science. **Mrs. Janice Stuhmer**, the teacher of this class, said, "I believe all young people should learn the basics of home management and family living." In this class, students were taught how to sew table toppers, pillowcases, drawstring bags, lounge pants, aprons, and cosmetic bags. They were also taught the importance of basic nutrition, menu planning, table etiquette, and recipe reading. The students used the skills they learned in the class to serve others. Many of the sewing projects were given to Mission Heart and sent to people in need. The students were able to use their unique ideas and skill sets learned in FCS to serve others in the community.

- Carsyn Ostrand (12)

GREEN THUMB

Growth in the Classroom and Greenhouse

For the second year, the upper elementary ventured across campus to the greenhouse to learn more about the study of plants from the NC Botany class. The elementary students helped plant basil, thyme and lettuce. The lettuce was used in the school cafeteria for lunch. They also helped plant and transplant prairie plants. This year the younger kids were able to help pot the plants for the annual plant sale.

Kate Pipher (12) said, "Teaching the elementary how to pot plants was a completely new experience for them. They will get to see their creations around town and bless people with the work they put into them."

- Carsyn Ostrand (12)

1. Senior **Madi Felt** designs and plants a pot for a customer. Many people brought their own pots to the greenhouse and the botany students planted them according to their choice.

2. Out on the prairie, **Cejay Mieth (12)** snips a piece of a plant. The botany class went out to the prairie to help transplant plants with Sarah Bailey from the Prairie Plains Institute.

3. **Sara Royle (12)** uses the hose to water flowers and vegetables in the greenhouse. Students were assigned to come in on the weekends to keep the plants well nourished.

What Did You Learn in Botany?

"Botany teaches me to recognize a variety of plants and how to take care of them."
- Michelle Huang (12)

1. **Mr. David Gee** shows 8th graders **Ethan Carlson**, **Marlie Mundt**, **Claire Pipher**, **Amanda Carlson**, **Marisa Fetterley**, and **Sarah Lasso** how to shoot off model rockets. This was their first activity of the year in Gee's class, and it kicked things off well.

2. Senior **Toby Watson** uses the band saw to shape a piece of wood for a pen. Students used this saw for small, precise, and curvy cuts. It was mostly used for smaller projects.

3. **Cody Griess (12)** uses the lathe to drill out the middle of a pen. Creating pens was one of most students' favorite things to do in upper-level shop classes because it takes advanced skill level.

4. Using the grinder, **Justin Brock (12)** rounds off the edges of a piece of steel. The class used scrap metal like this piece to make various projects.

5. **Stone Swantek (9)**, **Caden Bokelman (10)**, and **Andrew Nguyen (9)** play a friendly game of checkers on a board they made during Manufacturing 1. The class made various small projects such as a checker board, peg board game, and other projects voted on by the students.

Student Craftsman

Boersen Puts His Skills to Use in Construction of Tables

In upper level shop classes, students are given the option to build projects for themselves. Everyone has unique ideas, and this year some of the main projects built by students were a dock, a slack-line anchor, and a couple of tables. **Noah Boersen (12)** built two tables out of stainless steel and wood. One table is a desk for his computer. The other will be used on his patio. "I really enjoyed designing the tables and seeing them come together. I love welding and working with metal and wood, so it was fun to put them both together," said Boersen.

In Training

Developing Life-Long Skills in Industrial Technology

Skills taught in industrial technology classes are skills students will be able to use their whole lives. Students are taught the basics in the lower level shop classes. They learn to identify and use different tools, woods, and materials. "Learning the different tools and their uses is important before starting a project so you know you are doing it right," said **Zach Egeland (9)**. After they master the basics, they are able to put that knowledge to use.

In more advanced classes, students get the opportunity to design and build their own projects. **Ryan Dexter (12)** said, "I enjoyed having the opportunity to design and create my own projects, and the satisfaction it brings when I finish is very rewarding."

Designing their own projects allows students to put their creativity to work and produce something that they can be proud of.

- Cody Griess (12)

Most Useful Skill Learned in Industrial Technology?

"This year I learned how to use a table saw the safe way."
- Hunter Dyson (11)

"Learning how to use all the saws properly."
- Brad Hilderbrand (12)

Favorite Competition Memory?

"When I medaled in both my events at Districts and both qualified for state! My team literally ran to me and hugged me and almost knocked me off my feet."

- Olivia Janssen (10)

"It would have to be making it to state in wrestling and medaling. It was a great feeling for all the hard work put in to finally pay off."

- Justin Brock (12)

"The improv duet [senior] **Bekah Feddersen** and I did. It was hilarious!"

- Lizzy Powers (9)

"My favorite memory is our two state football playoff games. We played our hearts out knowing it was a win or go home situation."

- Aidan Pupker (10)

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2. Junior **Seth Hower** puts up a high percentage shot amidst several Burwell defenders. Hower was a huge points scorer for the Eagles.

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3. The OID team, comprised of **Lizzy Powers (9)**, **Tainsley Sebek (12)**, **Madi Felt (12)**, **Bekah Feddersen (12)**, and **Amy Hilderbrand (11)**, perform for the Speech Showcase. The OID was an original piece written by Feddersen.

FOCUSED COMPETITORS

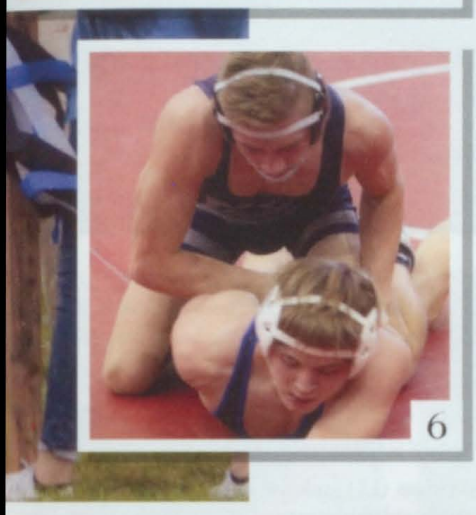
NC Students Dedicate Time & Energy to Activities They Love

A major part of the identity of Nebraska Christian's 2018-2019 student body was the athletics and activities they participated in. Students tirelessly dedicated hours of their lives to their passions and honed in on the talents they had been blessed with. Whether it was speech, robotics, or football, NC students were determined to give their all. Athletes and other competitors were blessed with phenomenal coaches who were dedicated to the program, but were also committed to character development.

Sports and other activities are often the times when students grow the most and begin to mature into adults. This year was no exception. **Mr. Carl Ostrand**, who coached football and track & field, always said throughout the year, "Sports [and other activities] themselves do not automatically build character." An athlete's attitude, reaction to disappointment and success, and motivation for competing was what built character.

NC students were blessed to build character and experience success and failure together on the court, track, mat, auditorium, and stage. This year was a successful year for NC athletes and other competitors. Teams or individuals often ended their seasons competing at a state level. Nebraska Christian's 2018-2019 student body was full of diverse talent that was utilized for the glory of God and the good of the students.

- Kate Dupher (12)



1. Senior **Cody Griess** runs out of the Homecoming tunnel for his first career start. Homecoming was an exciting game that ended in a great win for the Eagles.

4. The Quiz Bowl "B" team focuses on answering a bonus question. The members were **Olivia Janssen (10)**, **Josh Strong (10)**, **Jonathan Needham (9)**, and **Nehemiah Peters (9)**.

5. **Malachi Zaruba (8)** and **Riley Schreiber (8)** compete at the end of the fall Popsicle run. This race was a chance for the cross country team to debut their talent to fans.

6. **Elijah Green (10)** holds an opponent on his stomach during a mid-season wrestling tournament. As an underclassman, Green led the team and ended with a 3rd place medal at state.

7. Junior **Grace Langemeier** points at the track record board after putting up her new long jump record. The previous record of 16' 5-1/2" was set by Erin Marsh in 1994.

8. During an intense match, Coach **Tonya Ostrand** motivates the volleyball girls. The team ended their memorable season with a trip to the state tournament.

9. National Honor Society (NHS) Member **Toby Watson (12)** high fives visiting elementary students before Digging Deeper. NHS members helped make the event run smoothly by being group leaders for the elementary students and running some of the afternoon activities.

448 Total Points Scored Over the Season

329 Average Rushing Yards per Game

9 Players Who Made the All-District Teams
Jake Twogood (12), Toby Watson (12), Noah Boersen (12), Justin Brock (12), Seth Hower (11), Kalob Green (11), Garrett Swantek (11), Carl Mundt (10), and Elijah Boersen (10)

1. Preparing for the snap, the Eagles face off against the opposing Shelton Bulldogs' defense. The Eagles took control of the line in their 48-22 win.

2. Determined to get a tackle, #92 **Justin Brock (12)** works to get off a Shelton player's block. Brock was a leader on the team, working hard every day to be the best he could be and encouraging the underclassmen.

3. Tight end **Cody Griess (12)** leads the post-game prayer. The team prayed after every game and always invited the opposing team to join.

4. Scanning the defense, quarterback **Elijah Boersen (10)** prepares to hand the ball off to running back **Jake Twogood (12)**. Twogood was the team's leading rusher, amassing 1463 total yards and scoring 26 rushing touchdowns over the season.

BASIC TRAINING

Young Eagles Learn Principles of the Game

"My favorite part of this season was just seeing the team develop as a whole."
- Gabe Langenaier (8)

The junior high football team had a very successful season, going 4-1 in their small 5-game schedule. The boys learned the fundamentals of football and how to work together as a team to accomplish one goal.

The team was coached by **Mr. Carl Ostrand** and **Mr. Andy Falk**. Some senior high players also assisted in coaching.

1. Resting in between plays, **Terry Sebek (8)** kneels on the field to get a little break. Sebek was a leader on the team, playing both offense and defense.

2. While a Fullerton player attempts to score, two Eagle players tackle him. The young Eagles learned the basics of tackling in their practices.

3. As the Fullerton Warriors start their offense, the Eagles' defensive line gets ready to stop them. The Eagles couldn't ever quite stop the Warriors, and this was their only loss. They won 80% of their games.

EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS *Team Defies the Odds*

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This season, the football team went 8-0 in the regular season, and they qualified for the state playoffs for the first time since 2013. The Eagles finished with a 9-1 record, losing only to North Central in the second round of playoffs. The Eagles ended the regular season in fabulous fashion, beating Palmer by a score of 64-22. Freshman **Nehemiah Peters** said, "When we won that last regular season game I just felt, 'Wow, we really just did that!'"

The Eagles went into the playoffs strong and won their first round game against the Ainsworth Bulldogs 76-40. They lost in a close game in the second round of the playoffs to the North Central Knights 36-28.

The team had a fire inside their hearts every time they stepped onto the field, which made them a very special group of young men. That special fire helped the Eagles acquire an undefeated regular season, which few teams can claim. Senior **Cody Griess** said, "The big difference for us this year in winning close games was our never quit attitude inspired by us as seniors. When we were down, it didn't phase us. We just kept fighting."

- Seth Hower (11)

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5. Tight end #9 **Aidan Pipher (10)** twists down an Ainsworth Bulldog player in the Eagles' first playoff game. Many other young NC players hustled to clean up the play. Because of the blowout nature of many games, younger, more inexperienced players were able to log a lot of varsity playing time.

What Was Your Favorite Game or Play?

"My favorite play of the year was the fumble recovery at the end of the Fullerton game."
- Carl Wundt (10)

"My favorite game was definitely Ainsworth. It was fun because we had a giant lead, and I got to play a lot, which was fun."
- Johnny Wu (11)

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6. Junior **Keith Wasomi** prepares to kick the ball away after an Eagle score in the playoff game against Ainsworth. Wasomi became the Eagles' kicker after impressing **Coach David Gee** with his strong leg.

7. After a tough drive, **Seth Hower (11)** hustles off the field while Coach **Levi Landrigan** gives him some wise advice. Landrigan was a trusted mentor to Hower and many of the other boys.

8. Attempting to move the ball quickly, the Eagles' offense blocks the Palmer defense. The underclassmen got some extra playing time in this game, which the Eagles won 64-22.

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9. Searching for a running lane, **Noah Boersen (12)** dashes to the sideline. Boersen had many roles on this year's team, including tight end, running back, and kick returner.

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10. As **Toby Watson (12)** sprints towards the end zone, two Shelton defenders attempt to bring him down. Watson was a quiet leader, setting an example for the younger players with his great work ethic.

11. Scanning the defense, #5 **Grant Stuhmer (10)** receives the ball from #16 **Isaac Halbgewachs (9)**. Stuhmer stepped up as the JV running back towards the end of the season and also played extensive varsity minutes.

GROWING TOGETHER *Volleyball Team Makes State*

The Nebraska Christian Eagles had another stellar season, making it to the state tournament for the second straight year. The Eagles came up short during their sub-district match vs. Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family, but because they earned enough power points throughout the season, the team was able to play in the district final. The Lady Eagles defeated the Giltner Hornets in five sets, earning another district championship and a trip to Lincoln. The team lost to Pleasanton in three sets in the first round of the tournament but ended the season ranked 6th in class D-1.

The team was small but mighty with only 12 girls on the roster. The Eagles were led by four seniors and included three juniors and five freshmen. Not only was the team small, but junior **Stephanie Strobel** tore her ACL in the off season and decided to play the season with the torn ligament, which limited her from reaching her full potential.

Since the team had such few members, some of the underclassmen had to step up in big roles for the varsity team. **Tabitha Seip**, a freshman who started varsity, said, "I'm very grateful for the opportunity to play. I got a lot closer with not only my classmates, but also the upperclassmen. They taught me a lot about the game of volleyball, and they were very patient and helpful."

Though there was a difference in age amongst the players, this season allowed the girls to deepen their friendships with each one of their teammates.

- Carsyn Ostrand (12)

What Was the Best Part of the Season?

"Being able to bond with the girls at the team dinners."
- Lizzy Powers (9)

"Winning conference all four years of high school."
- Adrienne Falk (12)

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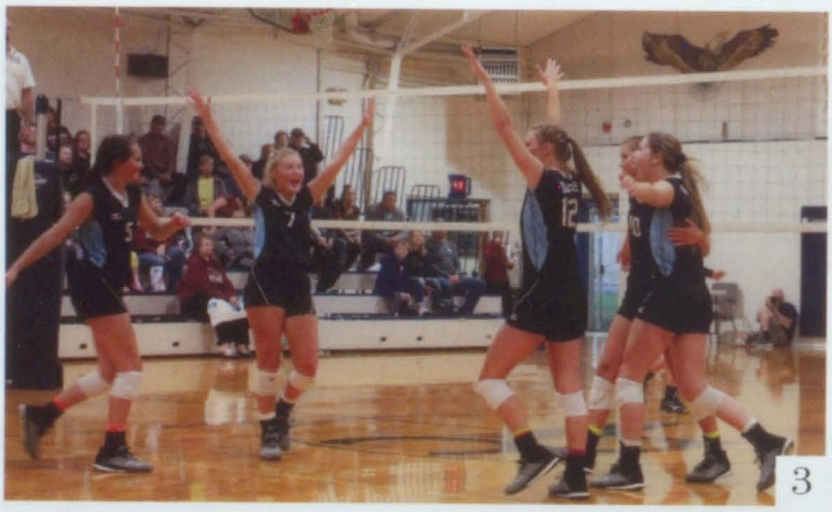
1. **Stephanie Strobel (11)** high fives her teammates after playing the back row. Strobel was a great leader for the team amidst her injury.



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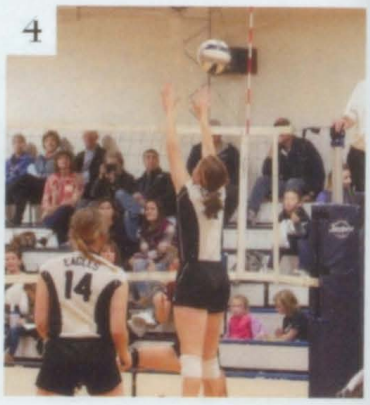
2. **Jada McHargue (12)** sends the ball over the net with a tough serve. McHargue led the team in aces from the service line.

3. The team celebrates the final point to close out the first set against Centura. The Lady Eagles went on to defeat the Centurions in three straight sets.



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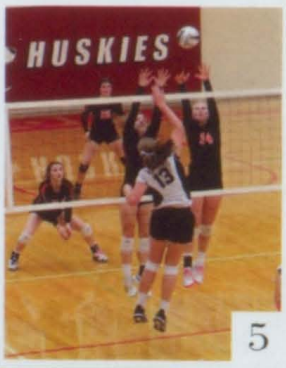
4. **Sidney McHargue (9)** reaches high to press over the net while searching for the ball. McHargue played right side for the varsity team this year.

5. Taking a big swing on the outside, **Molly Griess (9)** hits over the block. Griess started for the team as an outside hitter toward the end of the season.



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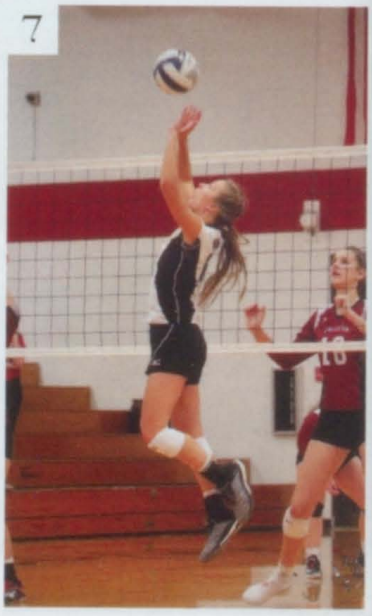
6. **Grace Langemeier (11)** goes up for an attack against the Spalding Academy Shamrocks. Langemeier led the team in kills this season.



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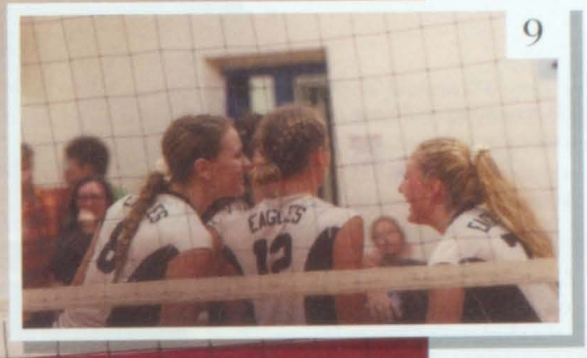
7. **Carsyn Ostrand (12)** jump sets the ball to the outside. Ostrand set the school record for career assists at 2,896.



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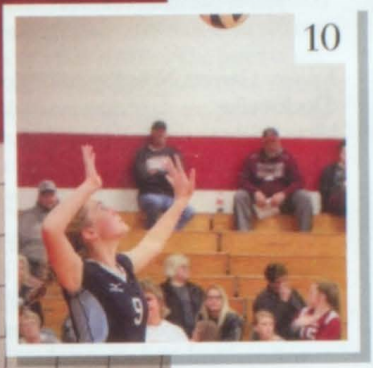

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8. Soaring high above the net, **Adrienne Falk (12)** and **Tabitha Seip (9)** set up a big block on the right side. Falk was a big threat up at the net for the team, bringing much experience to her position.

9. Smiling after a hard-earned point, **Kate Pipher (12)**, **Carsyn Ostrand (12)**, and **Jada McHargue (12)** gather in the center of the court. The seniors enjoyed their last year playing together.

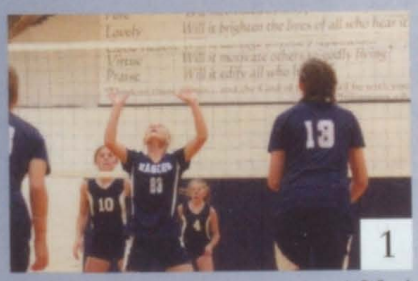
10. **Shelby McHargue (9)** takes an aggressive swing at the service line. McHargue improved throughout the season and was able to play with her two sisters, **Sidney McHargue (9)** and **Jada McHargue (12)**.

11. **Kendyl Jividen (11)** cheers on her team loudly from the sideline. As the team's libero, Jividen was a defensive specialist who only played in the back row.

5 Consecutive Goldenrod Conference Titles

26 Season Wins

2 Consecutive Trips to the State Tournament



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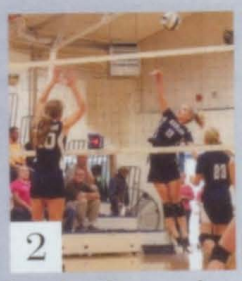

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1. **Marisa Fetterley (8)** gets ready to approach the ball as **Marlie Mundt (8)** sets it. Mundt shared setting duties on the 8th grade team with **Sarah Lasso (8)**.

2. **Reghan Flynn (8)** takes a big swing at the ball. Flynn was a great leader on the 8th grade team, providing a lot of experience.

3. **Hope Seip (7)** serves a bullet to the other team. Seip was a big hitter for the 7th grade team.

BUMP SET SPIKE

"My favorite part about the season was being able to play for Jesus!"
- Grace Boerson (7)

Beginning to Love the Game

The junior high volleyball team had a great year while improving their volleyball skills. The girls were split into A and B teams this year based on grade levels, not ability. This created a different dynamic on the team.

7th grader **Amanda Needham** said, "My favorite part of the season was being able to play volleyball with my friends."

The team was coached by **Mrs. Tara Mundt** and **Mrs. Amy Fetterley**. **Carsyn Ostrand (12)** also assisted.

1. Senior **Barry Zhang** passes a competitor with a surge of energy. Zhang decided to join cross country after playing football for two years.

2. **Xavier Herman (10)** battles to hold off another runner and keep his place in the tough race. This was Herman's first year at Nebraska Christian, and he fit well on the team.

3. Junior **Garrett Nokelby** and senior **Jon Dockweiler** use their momentum down a hill in a fight to the finish line. Both served as important leaders and contributors to the team throughout the season.

4. The senior high boys team prepares at the starting line, anticipating the gun signaling the onset of the race. Through tough practices and competitive meets, they bonded with and supported one another.

1. **Hannah Swanson (7)** and **Marlie Mundt (8)** give their all in a meet, pushing each other to the finish. Both were excellent encouragers for the junior and senior high teams.

2. The whole junior high team huddles up and chants motivational phrases before lining up at the start. Watching the team grow together was an enjoyable part of the season for parents, spectators, and coaches.

MINI MILERS

Junior High Team Braves Challenging Sport

In addition to having a senior high cross country team, Nebraska Christian also provides the opportunity for students in junior high to get in on the action. This year, 15 brave middle schoolers decided to participate in cross country. They ran the same workouts as the high school team, but shortened a bit, often after a football or volleyball practice. Their season went well overall, showing the coaches that there is much potential for upcoming senior high runners.

MANY MILES *Meet Two Outstanding Competitors*

Doing anything for six years is an impressive feat. Very few athletes can boast a six year career. But participating something as grueling as cross country for six years could almost be considered insane. A senior on both the boys and girls teams can claim that insanity. **Jon Dockweiler (12)** started his cross country career in seventh grade and ended his senior season reflecting back on the years, commenting, "It was fun to see all my hard work start paying off and watch as my teammates kept raising the bar. The atmosphere at a Cross Country meet is so different from any other sport. You're competing against each other, but everybody still knows how hard running is and cheers you on as you go by."

Halle Strong (12) also had six years of competition to look back on as her senior season came to a close. "Cross country was not always easy, and there were days that I didn't feel like running, but the friendships that I made through it made up for all that. I'm really going to miss being able to run with the team. And surprisingly, the days that the weather was the worst were the best," she explained. Their leadership and example will be missed in seasons to come.

- Laura Carlson (12)

Favorite Meet and Why?

"Brickyard Park in Hastings. I ran a great time on a tough course in freezing weather, and then **Jon [Dockweiler (12)]**, **Garrett [Nokelby (11)]**, and I goofed off a bunch on the bus."

- Curt Bailey (12)

"The second meet we had at Albion, because everyone had their best time and everyone was very happy."

- Clay Purkerson (11)

5. Getting some last minute advice from Coach Larry Hoff, the boys mentally prepare for the race ahead. Area mentors and coaches from all around provided encouragement and experience for the runners at many different meets.

6. **Josh Strong (10)** rounds a corner with his eyes on the finish line. Strong was diligent in practice and provided a stable personality for the team to rely on.

1. **Olivia Janssen (10)** puts her whole heart into the meet held at Valley View Golf Course. She got better at every practice and won the most improved award at the end of the season.

2. Senior **Laura Carlson** and sophomore **Shelby Swanson** feed off each other's momentum in an effort to move up in position. The pair worked well together throughout many meets, usually ending the race with only a few places between them.

3. **Halle Strong (12)** tenaciously holds a lead from a competitor. Strong demonstrated a quiet yet determined spirit throughout the season.

4. The senior high girls team explodes into action at the gun shot. Though small in numbers, the team enjoyed a close knit season full of laughter and growth.

RACING FOR THE FINISH *Cross Country Teams Strive for Endurance*

Cross Country is not a sport for the faint of heart. Every practice and meet demands that its participants give their complete effort, often in grueling weather conditions. This season, the sport boasted the largest athlete population in Coach **Scott Johnson**'s history as NC's coach (the second largest since cross country restarted in 1998) with 18 senior high students going out, 11 of whom were returning runners.

Although the team faced injuries on the girls' and boys' side, with senior **Ryan Dexter** and sophomore **Tenny Sebek** both debilitated due to tendonitis, the teams saw improvement in their times and placings as the season progressed.

Although neither team was able to qualify for state, they competed well all through the season, and the boys team earned a conference title for the fourth consecutive year.

Ultimately, first place is not the main objective. Using a tough sport to grow faith in Jesus Christ is what really counts. Johnson started every practice with prayer and encouraged the team members with key scripture passages. Preceding each meet, a senior athlete on the team provided a short devotional before getting off the bus. This generated a positive atmosphere of growth for everyone on the team.

- Laura Carlson (12)

5. **Arwen Zhang (12)** focuses on her breathing at the conference meet in Burwell. She showed immense improvement over her junior season.

6. **Tenny Sebek (10)** puts on a determined face. Sebek was only able to compete in a few meets due to tendonitis in her shins, but she proved to be an invaluable member of the team due to her sunny spirit.

Favorite Workout and Why?

"The DQ run because the day was 95 degrees and it was only a three mile run and the ice cream was delicious."
- Tenny Sebek (10)

"The pre-meet runs because I could run alongside my friends."
- Olivia Janssen (10)

2018 State Qualifiers

Junior **Garrett Nokelby** and senior **Laura Carlson** (pictured left with coaches **Rick Jacques** and **Scott Johnson**) both qualified for the state Cross Country competition held at the Kearney Country Club in October. This was Carlson's second year of cross country and first year making it to state. Nokelby has competed in cross country for three years, but this was also his first state appearance. Though neither medaled, both gave all that they had in the race.

HAVING A BALL *Boys Compete as a Team*

This year the NC team had a total of 15 Players and was coached by **Mr. Clay Mankin.** They played a total of five games and improved their playing abilities as the season went on. As a team, they worked hard in practice on different soccer skills while giving God the glory. **Sam Qu (11)** said, "I enjoyed this year playing soccer with my teammates. We had lots of new players from all over the world join the team, they all did a great job this year."

Throughout the season, the boys encouraged one another to become better soccer players, and through this process they built their knowledge of the game and their relationships with each other.

- Garrett Swantek (11)

What Was the Best Part of the Season?

"The best part is the friendships we build and the positive atmosphere."
- Jordan Schnell (11)

"My favorite part of the soccer season was the first game of the year. Though we lost by one, it was fun because I had two good shots."
- Ben Janssen (12)

"Best part of soccer is playing with fun and positive teammates."
-Talia Parlane (11)

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1. Girls' Coach **Joshua Davis** instructs **Madi Felt (12)** and **Chaeyeong Lee (10)** on what they will be drilling that day. The girls really pushed themselves during practice and got better as the season progressed.

2. **Halle Strong (12)** looks for the ball as **Chandra Davis (9)** throws it back into the game. Every game was a new challenge that the team faced with great determination and enthusiasm.

3. During soccer practice, the girls team waits to hear what they will be doing for training. All the girls on the team really got to know each other and grew close as the season went on.

4. **Gavin Lybarger (10)**, **Connor Lovejoy(10)**, and **Jai Wu (10)** all compete against one another in a practice scrimmage. The team got better the more they practiced throughout the soccer season, and they all learned new skills.

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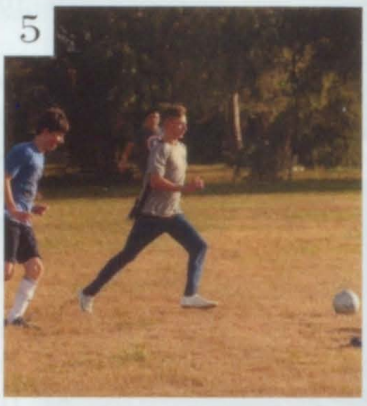

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5. Running hard to get the ball, **Jonathan Needham (9)** runs after **Gavin Lybarger (10)** during soccer practice after school. After school practice was a great way to build soccer skills and friendships.

6. **Talia Parlane (11)** maneuvers the ball around the defender so she can line up a shot to score. Parlane put fourth great effort over the season and was a great asset to the team.

MAKING THE GOAL

Swantek Takes Love for Soccer to the Next Level

Senior **Skylar Swantek** excelled on the soccer field and was given a scholarship to play for Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. Swantek is the first Nebraska Christian soccer athlete to receive a scholarship from a school to play this sport.

Ever since Swantek was able to walk, she has loved and played the game of soccer, while improving her skills through the process. Swantek is looking forward to this upcoming year and is excited to see what God has in store.

Right: **Skylar Swantek (12)** signs her letter of intent to play soccer at Northwestern.

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7. During an intense game, **Skylar Swantek (12)** advances the ball towards the goal, as **Arwen Zhang (12)** looks for an opportunity to help. Throughout the season, the team showed great team effort as they worked with one another.

8. **Gavin Lybarger (10)**, **Jonathan Needham (9)**, and **Ethan Burdett (10)** gather after a tough practice to end the day. The team enjoyed getting to know each other on a deeper level.

9. **Olivia Janssen (10)** looks for opportunity to receive the ball as **Skylar Swantek (12)** heads it into the air. The team worked well together and gave it their all every chance they had.

10. **Talia Parlane (11)** passes the ball to **Olivia Janssen (10)** in order to forward the ball towards the opponent's goal. During practice and during games, the team played competitively and gave God the glory in the process.

29 Players

5 Countries Represented

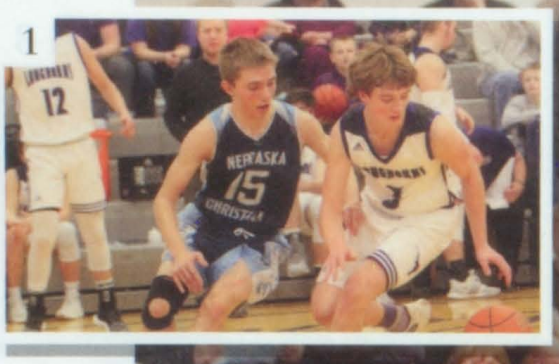
12 Games Played

REACHING THEIR GOALS *Second Competitive Season of Girls Soccer*

Fall 2018 marked the second official season of the NC girls soccer club team. (The 2016-2017 school year saw the formation of a team, but the girls didn't play in any official games that first year.) The team had eight returning players, including four seniors. Three new athletes also joined the team. Captain **Skylar Swantek (12)** said, "This sport is truly a gift from the Lord. I have loved every second of it, and I have been very encouraged by the hard work of the girls on this team. These players are truly a joy to be around and have become some of my best friends."

Throughout the season, the girls played their hardest and gave God the glory in the process. The team grew very close and encouraged one another in the game of soccer and as good friends. This year's team was coached by **Mr. Joshua Davis** and **Mr. Lorenzo Santillan.** Both coaches did a great job teaching soccer skills and leading the girls in the sport of soccer.

- Garrett Swantek (11)



2 Coaches in New Roles

8 Seniors on the Team

1,168 Points Scored throughout the Season

1. **Dayton Falk (9)** pressures a Burwell ball handler while on defense. Falk played JV but also got valuable minutes in varsity. He proved to be a promising player with much potential.

2. Sophomore **Aidan Pipher** pulls down a rebound against St. Edward. Pipher impressed his coaches and teammates with his hustle and work ethic.

3. Pushing the ball up the floor, **Curt Bailey (12)** dribbles his way past the defense. Bailey went out for basketball his senior year only and enjoyed the team aspect and getting to know other players.

4. Fighting for position, seniors **Toby Watson** and **Jon Dockweiler** and junior **Seth Hower** out work their opponent for the rebound. Effort was emphasized as a key component to the team throughout the whole year.

Developing Talent

Junior Highers Hone in on New Skills

"Junior High basketball showed me how to be a team player and also improved my basketball IQ and skill."

- Riley Schreiber (8)

Junior high sports are all about developing and learning new skills. **Drew Perdew (8)** said, "I loved getting to work hard every day with my teammates. I also enjoyed getting to see everyone get better day by day."

Every junior high athlete comes in with different levels of skill. This aspect can be challenging but also enjoyable for a coach. "I try to teach the basics and then build from there. I want to challenge the higher-skilled players while encouraging the lower skilled players to develop as quickly as possible. Not all will have the same skills or abilities, but I want to see improvement in whatever ability they have," said **Coach Andy Falk.**

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1. **Micah Davis (8)** gets set in his defensive stance. He played some valuable minutes for the Eagles.

2. Looking to score, **Elijah Peters (8)** attacks the basketball. Peters showed a lot of improvement throughout the season.

3. **Gavin Falk (7)** focuses his eyes on the rim during a free throw. Falk was a strong player with a good understanding of the game.

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CREATING A NEW CULTURE

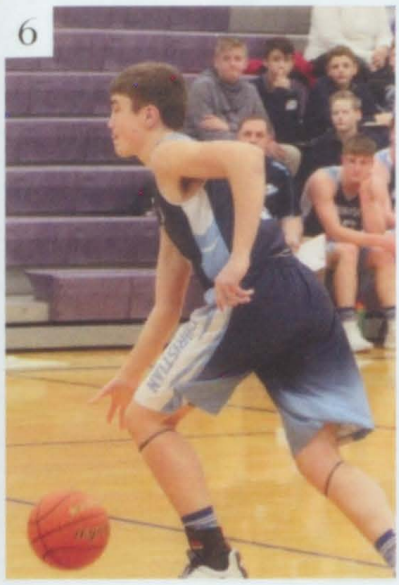
Seniors Help to Rebuild

The 2018-2019 basketball season was all about the development of culture and players. A familiar face took the reins as three-year assistant coach **Andy Perdew** became head coach. Former NC basketball player **Drew Schreiber** stepped into the role of assistant coach. The coaches have a vision for the future and used the seniors to help develop a new culture. "A culture that we tried to build is how we measure our success. We measure our success in our effort. If we are giving our best effort in all that we do, we will be successful. The seniors really took that to heart and played with tremendous effort all year. That trickled down to the underclassmen," said Perdew.

Establishing a new winning culture begins with effort and work ethic, and this season was just the beginning. Even though the record (10-15) doesn't show a successful season, the Eagles took strides. Led by the many seniors, the Eagles never backed down or quit. **Aidan Pipher (10)** said, "Throughout the season the seniors always set an example to us younger players through their effort. It's a great example for us to strive for in the coming years."

The players took the coaches' message to heart and always gave their best effort as a way to serve the Lord through their play.

- Cody Griess (12)



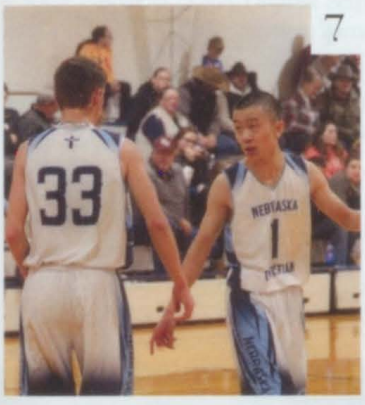
5. Coach **Andy Perdew** shows his excitement by high-fiving his players during a timeout. Perdew was characterized by his positive energy and enthusiasm, in addition to his relationships with players.

6. **Cody Griess (12)** attacks a gap in a zone toward the basket. Griess missed a good part of the season due to a broken ankle; however, he was able to work his way back into a contributing role.

What Lessons Did You Learn this Season?

"In order to have success, you must put your teammates first and work hard for them."
- Toby Watson (12)

"To give full effort on and off the court. If I want to be successful, I need to put effort in."
- Gavin Lybarger (10)

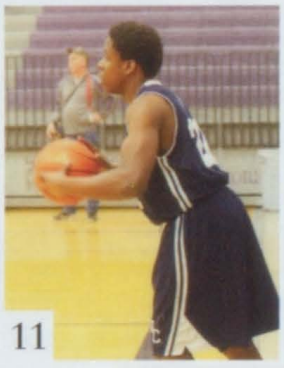


7. **Garrett Nokelby (11)** and **Kevin Yu (12)** high-five after a good play. The Eagles were known as an encouraging team.

8. The varsity team prays before their game. Each home game began with corporate prayer, and each game ended with student-led prayer in the middle of the court.

9. Sophomore **Elijah Boersen** floats the ball over his defender for the bucket. Boersen was a key player and also absorbed most of the ball handling duties. He was the team's highest scorer for the season.

10. **Noah Boersen (12)** makes a move and attacks the basket for the Eagles. He served as an important vocal leader for the team.



11. In-bounding the ball, **Keith Wasomi (11)** looks for an open teammate. Wasomi was an impact role player and rebounder for JV. He showed a lot of potential and strength throughout the season.

BUILDING UNITY *Basketball Team Grows Together*

In any sport, team unity is a key factor for determining success. The chemistry within a team is crucial in creating the dynamic of the team as a whole and as individuals. This year's basketball season was one which required both underclassmen and upperclassmen to fill many much-needed roles on the team. However, thanks to the girls' unity on the court, as well as in Christ, they were able to fill all the roles, while also encouraging their teammates.

Sophomore **Tenny Sebek** said, "One thing that defined our basketball team this year was variety, but despite the variety, we also had unity. There were many different ages and basketball experience, but all came together to play as one team."

Even though they were a very young team, the girls pulled together through difficulty, ending the season with a .500 record. The relationships built and lessons learned are things that won't easily be forgotten. Throughout the season, the girls were forced to test their limits and pull together as a team in order to be successful.

- Adrienne Falk (12)

What's the Biggest Lesson You Learned?

"How to be a team player and encourage my teammates."
- Tabitha Seip (9)

"How to be a servant leader through watching the seniors this year."
- Shelby Swanson (10)

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1. Getting low on defense, **Tabitha Seip (9)** prepares to stop her girl. Seip provided a much-needed spark and energy on the court this year with her quickness and athleticism.

2. **Molly Griess (9)** pulls up for a jump shot over her defender. In her freshman year, Griess proved to be a very valuable member of the team, scoring the third most points on the team.

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3. Bringing the ball up the court, **Carsyn Ostrand (12)** calls out a play. As a three year starter, Ostrand was a vocal leader for the team, as well as a key player.

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4. **Shelby Swanson (10)** races down the court after a steal. Swanson's hard work and great attitude were an encouragement to everyone on the team.

5. Lining up for a free throw, **Sidney McHargue (9)** prepares to release the ball. McHargue became a crucial role player on the team both offensively and defensively.

6. **Adrienne Falk (12)** puts up a shot from the low block. In her senior season, Falk led the Lady Eagles in scoring.

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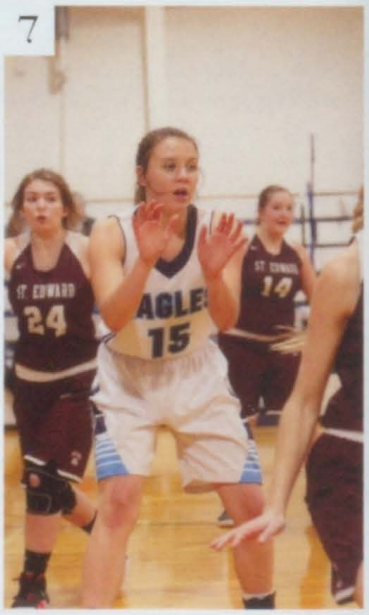

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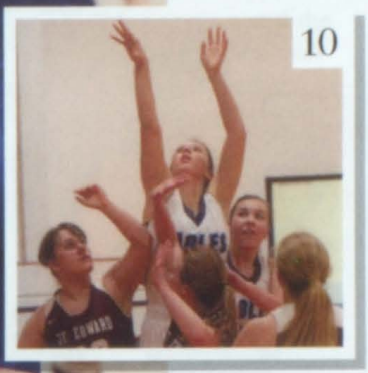
7. Posting up her defender, **Kate Pipher (12)** calls for the ball. Pipher improved greatly throughout her senior season and was a much-needed presence on the court.



8. **Kate Pipher (12)** and **Tabitha Seip (9)** focus on the ball while playing defense. The team as a whole learned how to communicate with each other better on the court as the year progressed.

9. **Tenny Sebek (10)** looks to pass the ball into the post on offense. In her sophomore year, Sebek greatly stepped up on the team as a leader.

10. Getting an offensive rebound, **Kate Pipher (12)** puts a shot right back up. The Lady Eagles improved throughout the season on their rebounding as a whole.

11. **Shelby McHargue (9)** works hard to prevent her girl from getting the ball. The freshman basketball players did a tremendous job of stepping into varsity positions.

12 Girls on the Team

9 Varsity Letter Winners

12-12 Season Record

1. **Marlie Mundt (8)** jumps in front of her opponent to keep her from scoring. The eighth graders provided much needed leadership on the team.

2. After stealing the ball, **Alexandra Bruning (7)** finishes the layup on the other end. Bruning established herself on the team as a key player.

LEARNING THE GAME

Jr. High Girls Experience Growth

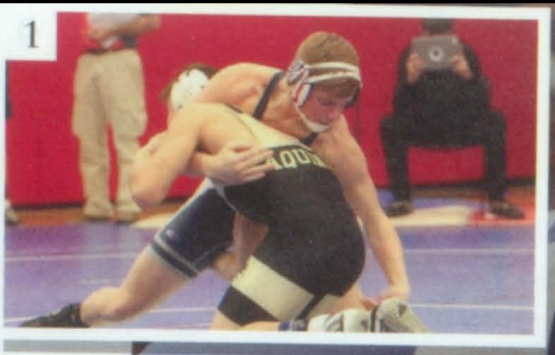
"My favorite memory from basketball was getting to play with all my friends & teammates!"

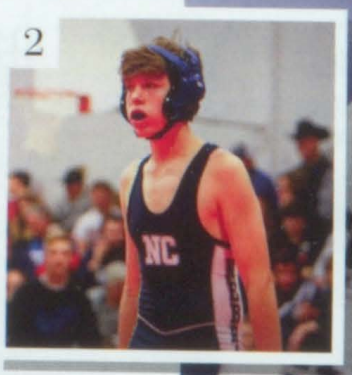
- Hope Seip (7)

Junior high is a time of tremendous growth for students, both academically and athletically. In junior high sports, students get a chance to try new things and learn different skills involved in these activities. In basketball this year, the girls were very successful in putting their knowledge of the game into practice. **Reghan Flynn (8)** commented, "My favorite part of basketball was when everyone was at practice, and we were having fun. **Mr. [Clay] Mankin** is an awesome coach."

The girls were able to grow both in their basketball skills and their friendships.

3. The junior high girls pray with their opponents after a game. The post-game prayer was one way the girls witnessed to their opponents.





12 Wrestlers

3 Coaches

10 Tournaments

1. **Stone Swantek (9)** wrestles to get a better position on his opponent. After suffering an injury, Swantek came back to the wrestling season more determined than ever.

2. **Kaleb Morton (9)** shows no fear as he looks at his opponent before his match. Being a wrestler took a lot of courage and strength.

3. After winning his match, **James Thomas (10)** is congratulated by **Coach Terry Elge**. The wrestlers had great relationships with all of the coaches, spending time with them inside and outside of their training.

4. Senior **Justin Brock** strains for control of his opponent in a match. Brock was the only senior wrestler in 2019, and he proved to be a great leader for the wrestling team.

STATE BOUND

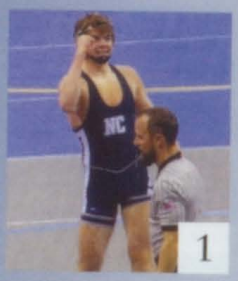
Four Qualify for State

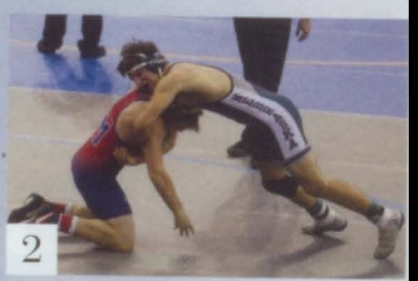
"The experience of state was awesome, [as well as] the team bonding."
- Kaleb Green (11)

At the 2019 state tournament, the Nebraska Christian wrestling team had four state qualifiers: **Justin Brock (12), Kalob Green (11), Carl Mundt (10), and Elijah Green (10).**

At the end of the tournament, three of the four NC wrestlers had state medals around their necks, as Mundt and Elijah Green placed third, and Brock placed sixth. The team finished in 8th place, the highest team finish in school history.

This was a wonderful way to cap off a great season, which saw the largest team in several years and featured many new wrestlers.

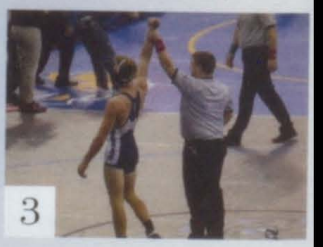




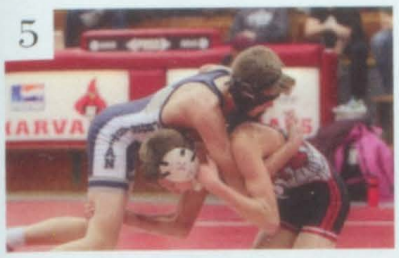
1. **Carl Mundt (10)** looks to the stands after winning a intense state match. A two-time state qualifier, Mundt ended up placing 3rd.

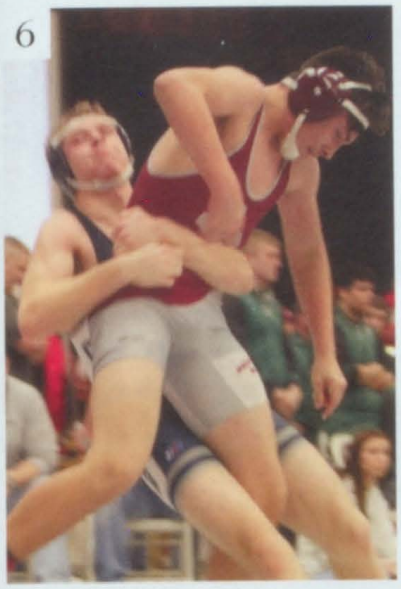
2. **Justin Brock (12)** wrestles hard with his opponent at state. He placed 6th in the 195-lb weight class.

3. **Elijah Green (10)** gets his hand raised after winning his match. Green improved on last year's state result of 6th place with a 3rd place medal.



BATTLE TESTED *Learning to Train through the Pain*





The 2018-2019 wrestling team put fourth much effort and grew better as wrestlers and as friends as the season progressed. Throughout the season, the team saw some great matches and continually drilled moves in practice to give them a competitive edge. **Mr. Terry Elge**, head coach of the NC wrestling team since the program's inception in 1998, said, "The NC wrestling team was battle tested this year. When you sweat, bleed, and are pushed to sheer exhaustion daily, a bond is formed that few can experience. You find out what you are made of. This team pushed their bodies and minds to compete past their breaking point. Lessons that they will carry throughout their lives."

Wrestling is not for the feint of heart. Though it appears to be an individual sport, wrestling is a team effort to make one another better and push each other to the best performance. This wrestling season was one to remember, not just for the success of the team, but also for the hard work and the effort the team put fourth.

- Garrett Swantek (11)

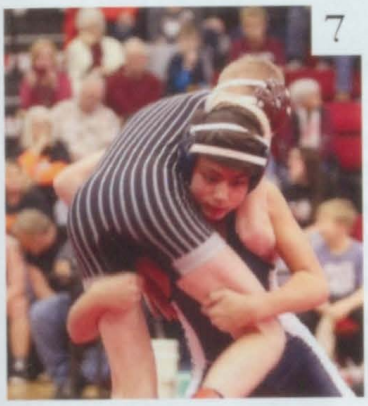
5. **Gabe Huenefeld (10),** in an over under position, fights to subdue his opponent. Huenefeld put forth great effort and was a great asset to the team; he improved and learned a lot throughout the season.

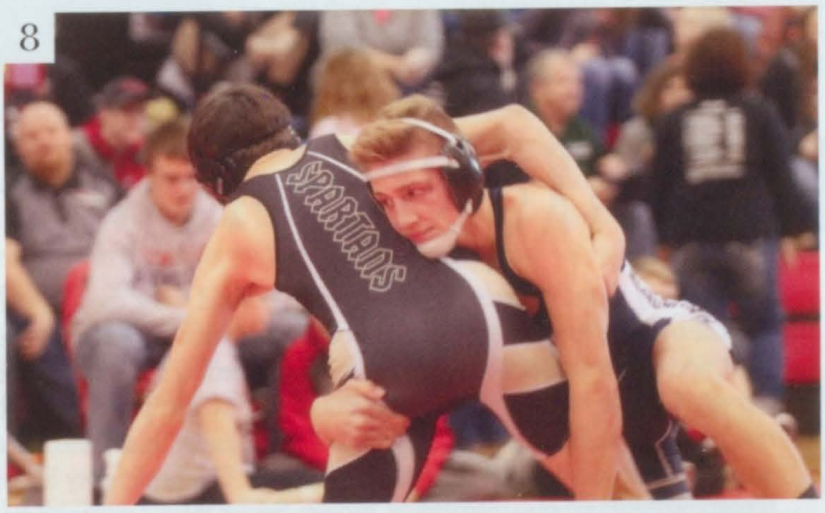
6. **Garrett Swantek (11)** throws his opponent to the mat in a heated match. This past season was Swantek's first, and he learned a lot and improved greatly throughout the season.

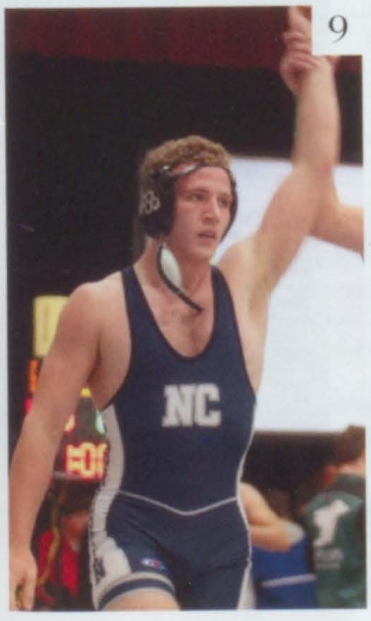
What Was Your Favorite Part of the Season?

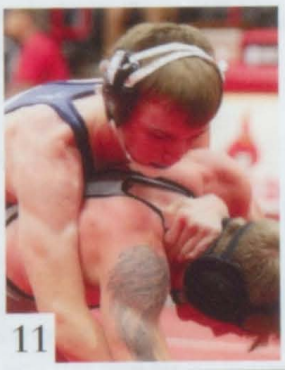
"My favorite part of the wrestling season was making friends and playing trashball."
- Isaac Hallgreachs (9)

"Getting to know the team better as friends while at the same being able to get better at something we love."
- Justin Brock (12)









7. **Daniel Musgrave (9)** goes in on a double leg and lifts up his opponent to get in a better position. Musgrave wrestled at 106-lbs and gave it his all every chance he had.

8. **Elijah Green (10)** takes down his opponent in an intense wrestling match. Green proved to be a key component to the team from the way he encouraged the team to the way he wrestled on the mat.

9. **Kalob Green (11)** has his hand raised in the air by the referee after winning his wrestling match. Green's hard work and determination led him to his first state tournament appearance.

10. **Kalob Green (11), Carl Mundt (10), Justin Brock (12),** and **Elijah Green (10)** all pose for a quick picture after the state tournament. All of the qualifiers wrestled hard and ended up placing 8th as a team at state.

11. **Cody Kaczor (10)** puts his opponent in a half nelson for the pin. This year's team members encouraged one another to get better after every practice and every meet by the way they talked and the way they pushed each other.

1. Handing the baton off to **Garrett Nokelby (11)**, **Jon Dockweiler (12)** finishes his leg of the 4x8. The team had great success this year but did not compete at the district meet in order for the boys to focus on their individual events.

2. Leaping down the runway, **Elijah Boersen (10)** takes his attempt at triple jump. Boersen competed in many events and excelled multiple times.

3. New thrower **Justin Brock (12)** talks to **Coach Amy Schreiber** about his technique for his next throw. Brock decided to go out for track his senior year and placed at some meets.

4. Flying into the air, **Clay Purkerson (11)** attempts a height in pole vault. Purkerson worked hard during practices and achieved a personal record this year.

MAKING STATE *Teams Bring Home Medals*

This track season, the two teams each sent four competitors to the State Track Meet at Omaha Burke High School. The four male competitors were **Toby Watson (12)**, **Ryan Dexter (12)**, **Elijah Boersen (10)**, and **Noah Boersen (12)**. The four female competitors were **Grace Langemeier (11)**, **Carsyn Ostrand (12)**, **Laura Carlson (12)**, and **Tabitha Seip (9)**. At the state meet, Dexter finished 5th in his 800 meter run, Langemeier finished 6th in long jump, and Carlson finished 8th in the pole vault and 5th in the 300 hurdles. In the team placings, the girls finished 24th, and the boys finished 39th.

Front: Grace Langemeier (long jump, triple jump, 4x1), Carsyn Ostrand (100 hurdles, 4x1), Laura Carlson (300 hurdles, pole vault, 4x1), Tabitha Seip (100 hurdles, 300 hurdles, 4x1). Back: Toby Watson (110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, 4x4), Ryan Dexter (800 meters, 1600 meters, 4x4), Elijah Boersen (4x4), Noah Boersen (4x4).

FINISHING STRONG *Boys Track Team Excels*

In every sport, athletes push themselves beyond what they thought possible in order to succeed. The 2019 boys track team worked extremely hard, and the results showed it. Many athletes exceeding previous personal records and many even broke into the school's top 10 list. The team might not have won every meet, but the team did run, jump, vault, and throw against tough competition throughout the year. The boys never let the tough competition bring them down, though. Senior **Jake Twogood** said, "I try not to over think the competition. I pray that God will enable me to perform to the best of my abilities, and I try to prepare as best as I can." Twogood's attitude of perseverance influenced many of the underclassmen, including **Dayton Falk (9)**, who said, "Working hard all the time. Even when you are hurting, push through it." The coaches taught this lesson constantly, but the upperclassmen were the ones who passed it down.

- Seth Hower (11)

What Did This Season Teach You?

"This season has just shown me how much I'm blessed to have the ability to run, throw, and keep pushing through challenges."
- Keith Wasomi (11)

"It's taught me a mindset of working hard that I can use in other areas of life."
- Caden Bokelman (10)

5. Stretching over the hurdle, **Toby Watson (12)** competes in his race at the Merrick County Track Meet. Watson qualified for state in both the 110 and 300 hurdles, as well as the 4x4 relay.

6. Gathering on the infield, the four runners of a relay team pray before their race. The boys got together before each relay race to ask the Lord for strength and to help them glorify Him in their competition.

1. **Laura Carlson (12)** launches herself over the bar with her pole. Carlson qualified for state in pole vault both her junior and senior years, placing 2nd and 8th respectively.

2. **Shelby McHargue (9)** gets herself in position to throw the shot put. In her freshman season, McHargue had the opportunity to try new events and improve her skills.

3. **Grace Langemeier (11)** attempts to clear the high jump bar. Langemeier proved to be a fantastic high jumper in addition to her other events.

4. Gliding over the hurdle, **Carsyn Ostrand (12)** and **Tabitha Seip (9)** run side by side to the finish line. Both Ostrand and Seip were very successful in hurdles this year, and they were always pushing each other.

PRESSING ON *Track Athletes Work Toward Common Goal*

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In any sport, both mental and physical toughness are key components in order to be successful. However, track is a sport that requires more than most. It is demanding both on the mind and body. This year's Lady Eagle track team was one which consisted of many different ages, experiences, and skill levels. However, there was one thing they all had in common: working together to glorify God through their talents. The athletes were pushed to their limits every day in practice, and their training paid off in many obvious ways, with the girls winning the Goldenrod Conference meet. Freshman **Molly Griess** commented, "The upperclassmen this year showed me what it looks like to be a servant-leader and put others first. Even though they were pretty successful, they would win with grace, and they stayed humble."

Throughout the entire season, the athletes learned how to push themselves to become better every meet and how to set a Christ-like example for other teams and athletes.

- Adrienne Falk (12)

5. Sophomore **Tenny Sebek** works hard to pass her opponent on the final stretch. Even though she battled injury throughout the year, Sebek kept a positive attitude and encouraged those around her.

6. **Chandra Davis (9)** runs hard to try to move her relay team up a place. Davis played a big role on both the 3200m and 1600m relays.

What Was Your Favorite Meet This Year?

"The Palmer Invitational because I got to try a new event and got four medals."
- Kate Dupher (12)

"The Osceola meet because I was able to jump my best in long jump [setting a school record]."
- Grace Langemeier (11)

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1. **Will Twogood (8)** races to the finish line in the 100m dash. Twogood was a crucial leader on the team, as well as a significant contributor to team points.

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2. Arching her back, **Reghan Flynn (8)** clears the high jump bar with ease. Flynn was a very valuable team member and improved throughout the season.

Junior High Track Athletes Learn Valuable Lessons LEARNING & GROWING

Track is a sport in which valuable lessons are learned both through success and defeat. Being gracious winners, and learning from defeat are both lessons that the junior high track team learned full well this season.

Both the boys and girls ended up as conference runners-up at the end of the year. **Gavin Falk (7)** said, "One of the lessons I learned this track season is how to be a better teammate and encourage others."

The junior high athletes grew closer in their relationships throughout the season and greatly improved as a whole.

SERVING OTHERS *Developing Character*

Nebraska Christian High School has had National Honor Society (NHS) for many years, and NC started to do more activities with NHS this school year. Students have to meet academic and character requirements in order to be accepted.

Mr. Andy Falk was the new NHS sponsor for 2018-2019. Falk said that one of the main goals of NHS is to serve one another, and he encouraged the students to participate in many more events and activities, such as serving older people at a local assisted living facility. Senior **Bella Yin** said, "I really appreciate the opportunity to talk to the elders. It was a fun time to see the elders' smiley faces."

- Keira Yu (12)

1. **Bella Yin (12)** talks to a resident at Cottonwood Estates while handing out Valentine's Day gifts. The National Honor Society's spring service project was making and delivering valentines to residents of the assisted living facility.

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2. Junior **Garrett Nokelby** demonstrates how to shoot a basketball with proper form during Digging Deeper. NHS members were selected to help with Digging Deeper's afternoon activities.

3. In the soccer session of Digging Deeper, senior **Skylar Swantek** (right) instructs two younger students on the game's fundamentals. NHS members were involved in all aspects of Digging Deeper.

4. **Linh Nguyen (12)** cuts papers for decorating candy bags. Some of the students prepared bags and papers for elderly people at the Cottonwood Estates for Valentine's Day treats.

CAPTURING MOMENTS *#NoFilter*

1. **Connor Lovejoy (10)** learns techniques of taking good quality video from **Mr. J.C. Kleier**. Kleier was the sponsor of the new broadcasting club.

2. Sponsor **J.C. Kleier** films the Festival of Lessons & Carols. The Broadcasting Club set up three cameras around the gym to get the best shots during the concert.

3. **Brad Hilderbrand (12)** sets up the camera and utilities for the Spring Concert. Many activities were broadcast through YouTube Live.

4. Preparing for the start of Pomp & Circumstance, **Connor Lovejoy (10)** makes sure everything is set up for streaming graduation. Having events on YouTube Live allowed people who couldn't attend in person to experience the ceremony.

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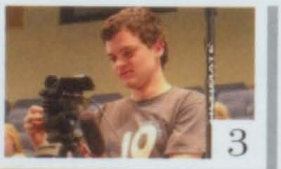
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A new activity at NC in 2018 was the Broadcasting Club. The club teaches students about video production, live streaming, and advertising. **Brad Hilderbrand (12)** said, "We learned how to take proper pictures and videos and how to use it to its fullest. We also went over the equipment."

The main role of the Broadcasting Club was to film games and to live stream sporting and other school events. In previous years, the school used Striv streaming, but this year the switch was made to YouTube.

The club also spent several months working with Strobel Construction on a commercial, which gave the members practical, real-world experience. Sophomore **Connor Lovejoy** said, "I learned a lot about cinematography and how to take the best shot. The Strobel commercial gave us chances to practice video editing and filming."

- Keira Yu (12)

1. **Nehemiah Peters(9)**, **Jonathan Needham (9)**, **Josh Strong (10)**, and **Olivia Janssen(10)** consult one another about a question. Each student brought an element of category expertise to the team.

2. **Ben Janssen (12)** explains the funniest thing that happened during quiz bowl at the state send-off for the high school team. The send-off also included some mock questions to test the team.

3. **Christopher Needham (11)** **Xavier Herman (10)** and Ben **Janssen (12)** shake hands with their opponents after the round. Good sportsmanship was an integral part of the quiz bowl experience.

4. The high school team looks at at a math problem and tries to solve it. The team depended highly on each other for aid in different categories.

THINK FAST *Quiz Bowl Smashes the Buzzer to Victory*

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When asked what the third level of the earth's atmosphere is, many people would just shrug their shoulders or laugh uncomfortably, but not members of the quiz bowl team. Since late fall, the high school team spent time answering trivia questions, perfecting their reflexes, and prepping to go head-to-head in a battle of pure wit and mental capacity. When asked how he prepared the night before a meet, **Ben Janssen (12)** said, "I try and go through some practice questions, get a good night's sleep, and eat a good breakfast." The 2018-2019 quiz bowl season went exceptionally well and ended in the team being both conference and district champions, along with making it to the state meet.

The junior high quiz bowl team also had a excellent season! At districts, Coach Tara Mundt entered two teams: Team A (all girls) and Team B (all boys). Team B won the district championship.

- Josie Maberry (11)

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5. Senior **Arwen Zhang** thinks hard about a question during early morning practice. **Coach Dee Flynn** held an early morning practice almost every Tuesday morning at 7:15.

6. **Cooper Schnell (8)**, **Kylie Merchant (7)**, **Amanda Needham (7)**, **Elijah Peters (8)**, and **Rachel Hale (7)** listen to the question before buzzing in to answer. The junior high team did very well this season and were district champions at the end of their season.

What Is Your Strongest Category?

"History."
- Josh Strong (10)

"Earth Science."
- Amanda Carlson (8)

Row 1: Xavier Herman (10), Arwen Zhang (12), Olivia Janssen (10), Josh Strong (10). Row 2: Christopher Needham (11), Connor Lovejoy (10), Curt Bailey (12), Kate Pipher (12), Jonathan Needham (9), Ben Janssen (12).

RISING TO THE TOP *High School Team Makes State*

In 2019, NC's high school quiz bowl team won the conference meet and the ESU 7 district meet. By winning districts, the team qualified for the state competition at Holdrege on April 24. At state, the team won its first match before being eliminated after dropping the next two.

Quiz bowl is different from other activities, as districts are divided by region, not NSAA class. The team beat Class A schools to make state, where they faced schools of all sizes.

1. **An Chu (12)** gives her informative speech about chopsticks during the speech showcase. This was Chu's first year competing, and she did an amazing job, placing at almost every novice meet.

2. **Tainsley Sebek (12)** plays the role of a trouble-making teen during her OID round. Sebek was very humorous and well-versed in her presentation.

3. **Amy Hilderbrand (11)** and **Madi Felt (12)** portray a frantic vice principal and a French police officer for their OID. Both Hilderbrand and Felt were returning members of the team, and their experience helped younger members of the group.

4. Senior **Bekah Feddersen** tries to explain the trials of having an attractive speech judge during her entertainment piece. Feddersen was one of nine district finalists.

BREAKOUT SEASON

Increased Numbers Qualify For State Speech

Row 1: Halle Strong (12), Olivia Janssen (10), Arwen Zhang (12). Row 2: Tenny Sebek (10), Madi Felt (12), Xavier Herman (10).

The speech team this year saw six of their nine district finalists place and continue onto state speech for class C-2 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Seniors **Madi Felt** (serious prose), **Arwen Zhang** (extemporaneous), **Halle Strong** (duet), and sophomores **Xavier Herman** (extemporaneous), **Olivia Janssen** (poetry and duet), and **Tenny Sebek** (persuasive) all qualified for and competed at state.

Zhang, the only NC qualifier to break fina gave an incredible speech on the relationship the U.S. and the Middle East in her final rou and emerged as the C-2 extemporaneous sta champion. Zhang said, "It felt like I did my b speech of the whole season during finals."

The team was thrilled to have such an amazi end to the season.

SPEAKING UP *Hard Work Pays Off for Speech Team*

Why Did You Choose Your Event?

"I chose to do poetry because it's calming to listen to."
- Cejay Mieth (12)

"I chose duet because you get to perform with a partner."
- Olivia Janssen (10)

God blessed the 2019 speech team with a very successful season. The team was named district runner up with nine medalists and six state qualifiers. The team was comprised of both new and familiar faces with six returning participants and six new competitors. The 12 students competed in 10 events and had plenty of input from their coaches, **Mrs. Karmen Hamer**, **Mrs. Ruth Ferris**, and Mrs. Dyanne Medlock. **Lizzy Powers (9)** said, "My first year on the team was very fun, and I really enjoyed my teammates and how we all encouraged each other and bonded over the season."

This year's speech season came with many early morning bus rides, sacrificed time in order to practice and many hours mastering enunciation, , nervous tics and hand gestures. The team's determination and willingness to receive correction form coaches and judges made the 2019 speech team a formidable competitor and a joy to watch throughout the season.

- Josie Maberry (11)

5. Student Council President **Jon Dockweiler (12)** hands out granola bars to state speech qualifiers **Xavier Herman (10)**, **Halle Strong (12)**, and **Tenny Sebek (10)**. The six state qualifiers were honored with a send-off during chapel.

6. **Madi Felt (12)** performs her serious prose piece about bulimia. Felt portrayed a teenage girl who struggled with her image and the negative effect bulimia had on her body.

1. **Xavier Herman (10)** and **Connor Lovejoy (10)** work on their team's robot between matches. Fixes were often done on the fly at meets when the robot didn't perform at its peak.

2. **Connor Lovejoy (10)**, **Josh Strong (10)**, and **Christopher Needham (11)** work on their robot. Getting the robot to drive continuously was a struggle for the high school teams.

3. One of the high school teams gives advice to the junior high girls team. The girls team was the first of the four teams to get their robot moving at the first meet.

4. **Xavier Herman (10)** excitedly waits for the beginning of a match. The anticipation prior to beginning a match was strong.

HOLDING THEIR GROUND *Robotics Team Expands*

5. **Jonathan Needham (9)** explains to coach **Gary Needham** what the problem is with the robot. The team had multiple problems with getting the treads to work with the brain of the robot.

Robotics will never be the same. In its second year of existence,the team expanded from a junior high and a senior high team to both a boys and girls junior high team and two complete high school teams with twenty students out for robotics. Three of the four NC teams made it to regionals in Council Bluffs, Iowa: both junior high teams and one high school team. To make regionals, a team had to have a top 25 placement in the region.

The robot challenges the team had to complete this year were different from last year. Instead of stacking cones and lifting them over bars, they had to flip caps over to their team's color. They also had to change flags to their color and keep the high ground on a platform they had to drive up onto. **Adam Carlson (7)** said, "The hardest part of controlling the robot was having to deal with the static, which slowed down the communication."

For the first time this year, the team hosted a skills training course and won a trophy from the meet. As a team overall they grew, and their success grew with them.

- Nehemiah Peters (9)

What Was the Hardest Part about Building the Robot?

"Building the base. We had to start over four times."
- Ethan Carlson (8)

"Figuring out how to use both standardized and custom parts and put them together."
- Christopher Needham (11)

1. High School Nationals Team, left to right: Manisa Hongdilokkul (12), Xavier Herman (10), Josh Strong (10), Ben Janssen (12), and Connor Lovejoy (10).

2. Junior High Nationals Team, left to right, front to back: Row 1: Richie Musgrave (7), Adam Carlson (7). Row 2: Drew Bailey (7), Elijah Peters (8), Cooper Schnell (8), Christopher Medlock (7), Ethan Carlson (8).

SPORTSMANSHIP *Teams Show How to Have a Good Spirit at Nationals*

Two of NC's four robotics teams made it to nationals. One of the high school teams and the junior high boys team made it to the U.S. Open (a.k.a. nationals.)

The Junior High team won the sportsmanship award for their division, although they struggled to win many matches at the round robin and tournament. The high school team at one point was ranked eighth, but they could not hold the placement.

Nationals was a good way to meet other students and taking part in different activities. Seventh grader **Richie Musgrave** said, "My favorite part of nationals was doing the different events."

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THE FUN NEVER ENDS *Elementary Learns Outside the Classroom*

The Elementary gets the opportunity of going on several field trips and educational days outside of school. And even when they are technically in school, the teachers add activities to make things special.

There were several favorite activities through the year by both the students and the teachers. **Mrs. Amy Merchant** said, "The best activity this year was our countdown to the end of school. We celebrated the last 26 days of school with a different letter of the alphabet. We would dress up, do something special that related to that letter of the alphabet that day."

Other activities included trips to the Henry Doorly Zoo, Pumpkin Patch, Nebraska State Fair, and Stuhr Museum; the school's annual Digging Deeper day; the Patch the Pirate musical; and learning in NC's greenhouse.

- Jada McHargue (12)

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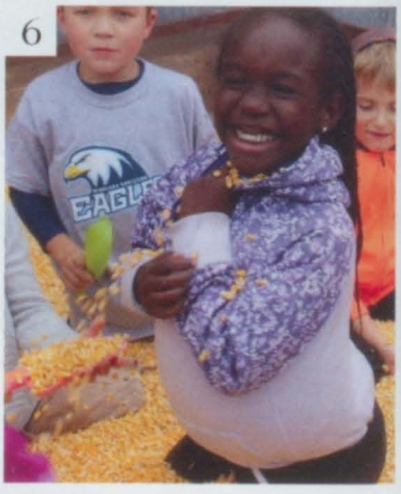

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What Was Your Favorite Activity This Year?

"The Alphabet Countdown."
- Caleb Dieckmann (1)

"Digging Deeper."
- Abby Berck (4)

1. **Joshua Green (6)**, **Haddie Rankin (4)**, and **Isaiah Davis (6)** pose for a picture to show off their lovely plants. The kids got the opportunity to plant their own pots to sell at the botany class's annual plant sale.

2. **Caleb Huenefeld (3)** puts on a long rubber gloves before sticking his hand in the inside of fistulated cow. The upper elementary got the chance to partake in the activity at the ag day hosted at the fairgrounds.

3. **Evelyn Poland (6)** and **Hananiah Peters (5)** work intently on the pi chain during the annual Pi Day activities. Every year **Mr. Andy Falk** puts on a day of fun and math games in honor of Pi Day (March 24).

4. Kindergarteners **Aubrey Krug**, **Gabriel Green**, **Brinlee Galles**, and **Stetson Stuhmer** all pile on **Kate Pipher (12)** for a picture during a short break at Digging Deeper. The Digging Deeper day was full of activities for preschool through eighth grade students.

7. As Abraham Lincoln, **Noah Creutzberg (3)** presents a speech about "his" life during the 3rd and 4th grade Living United States Historical Heritage Wax Museum. Each student picked a notable American to present to the public.

8. The second grade class looks intently at fireman Brad Wells while he shows them his fire truck. The class also got to ride in the truck around the campus after learning about fire safety.

9. First graders **Macyn Gustafson**, **Lily Francl**, and **Lucy Perry** pose for a picture while holding "chicken and eggs." The girls enjoyed their day at the state fair.

10. **Oliver Herman (6)** and **David Chiles (4)** jump over the inflatable obstacle to get to the finish line. The inflatable course was a highlight of the back-to-school carnival.

11. Preschool teacher **Stacy Berck** laughs as **Stella Musgrave (P)** listens to a dog's heart beat. The preschool students took a field trip to the Central City Veterinary Clinic during the spring semester.

5. Fifth grader **Sheridan Falk** (right) poses in Team USA skeleton athlete Michelle Toukan's speed suit. Toukan, who graduated from Nebraska Christian in 2011, talked to students about the importance of rooting their confidence in Christ.

6. **Selah Perdew (2)** stuffs corn down her sweatshirt to create a big belly. The students all loved the corn bin at the Pumpkin Patch.

26 Days of the Alphabet Countdown to the End of School

4 Learning Stations during Digging Deeper

242 Round-trip Miles Driven on the Henry Doorly Zoo Field Trip

PLOT TWIST *Villains Strike Back*

The 2019 Patch the Pirate Musical was quite unusual compared to previous years. The play stood out from the others by having the villains from the previous plays all come back for Patch's retirement race. Captain Patch's crew was going to race around the world for the Jolly Roger. The villains soon heard about this race and decided to jump right on in to win the Jolly Roger. When someone was near the finish line, the play ended, leaving everyone at the edge of their seats. The story will continue next year!

"Singing in the play is my favorite."
- Treo Mollarque (3)

1. **Evelyn Poland (6)** and **Olivia Bokelman (5)** look intently at Captain Patch. The girls played members of Patch's crew.

2. Backed up by the lower elementary choir, **Cal Seip (5)** and **Will Poland (5)** sing "Welcome to Anthropolis" during dress rehearsal. After practicing countless hours in the weeks leading up to the play and then spending portions of several days practicing at the PAC, the students used the dress rehearsal as one final practice to make sure everything was ready for the live show.

Favorite Event of the Year?

"Senior Trip. Not only was I able to learn a lot, but I also got to deepen my relationships with many of my friends. It was definitely an experience I will never forget."

- Hallie Strong (12)

"Homecoming was probably my favorite event of the year because it was fun to find costumes and dress up with my friends."

- Molly Griess (9)

"Junior Trip. It was my favorite because I got to connect with my classmates on another level."

- Seth Hower (11)

"Graduation because I got to go grad-hopping with the boys afterwards."

- Gabe Huenefeld (10)

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2. Dr. Nate Krug shows **Fame Punpoka (10)**, **Cejay Mieth (12)**, **Savannah Thomas (12)**, **Emily Meng (11)**, **Manisa Hongdilokkul (12)**, and **Poko Hongdilokkul (10)** how to properly operate a bow. The After School Activities Program was a fun way to get students acquainted with new adventures.

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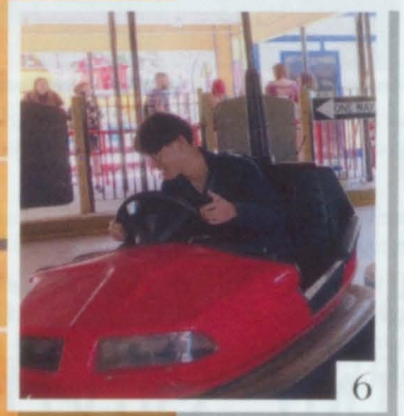
3. Seniors **Jake Twogood**, **Angelina Rodriguez**, **Laura Carlson**, and **Adrienne Falk** bow their heads as **Mr. Tim Hekrdle** prays over the senior class. The pre-graduation prayer helped get hearts and minds ready for the ceremony.



THE FUN STUFF

Students Enjoy the Full Experience of NC Through Dorm Life and Events

Early mornings, extra time on the weekends, hours of planning--all of these things were necessary to pull off the special events and to make NC's student life the best it could be for the 2018-2019 school year. Staff and students worked together to provide an engaging place to not just learn but to live, grow together, and have fun. Student Council members planned pep rallies over their lunch breaks. Seniors showed up over weekends to decorate the school for homecoming and Christmas. Juniors poured hours of detail in to planning a banquet to honor the seniors. Teachers and administrators dedicated time to scheduling incredible senior and junior trips. The international office worked to organize the after school program, adopt-a-student Sundays, and the Thanksgiving and Easter trips. Because of the dedication and involvement of the student body and staff, all of these events were a huge success.

This year was marked by memorable occasions that broke up the routine of the school year. **Cody Griess (12)** said of the senior trip, "It was a trip I'll never forget because I got to do it with my friends. It was so fun and Mr. O did such a great job of teaching on everything we saw."

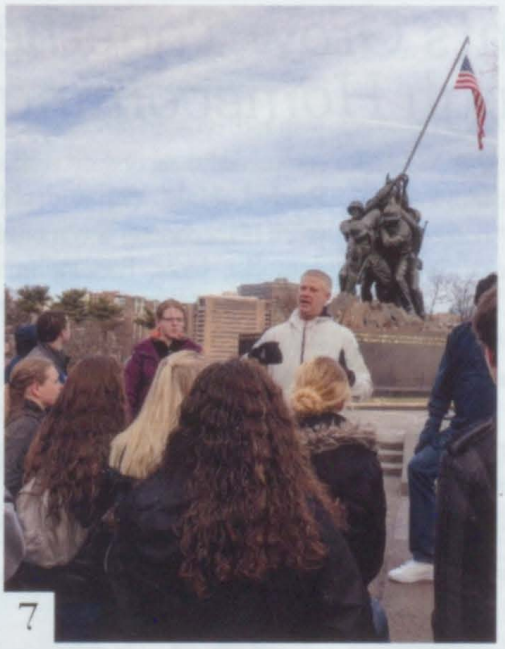
Throughout the school year, everyone was grateful for the times they got to participate, dress up, and learn through new avenues. NC's dorm life and events show the vibrancy of the community that is within the school.

-Kate Dupker (12)

1. **Skylar Swantek (12)** races **Amy Springer (8)** to place pieces on a Tic-Tac-Toe board. This event took place during the winter morale pep rally.

4. **Garrett Swantek (11)** reads to David Wheaton's son during the junior trip. The juniors all said that the trip helped them bond as a class.

5. StuCo members **Ben Janssen (12)** and **Jon Dockweiler (12)** hang decorations for the upcoming homecoming week. A group of senior girls volunteered to help the student council make the high school truly festive for the week.



6. **Sam Qu (11)** operates a bumper car on the Boys Dorm's Easter trip. The boys in the dorm grew very close throughout the school year and became a close knit family.

7. **Mr. Carl Ostrand** addresses the senior class on the importance of the US Marine Corp War Memorial near Arlington National Cemetery. This trip was an instrumental part of the senior students' final year.

8. **Clay Purkerson (11)**, **Keith Wasomi (11)**, and **Tabitha Seip (9)** lead worship during chapel. Student-led worship was a highlight of Wednesday morning chapels.

9. At the Honor Banquet, **Cody Griess (12)**, **Seth Hower (11)**, and **Toby Watson (12)** pose for a picture in their formal wear. Upperclassmen loved the opportunity to dress up for the formal occasion.

1. **Clay Purkerson (11)** laughs as **Mrs. Dee Flynn** (left) gets up after he knocked her out of a chair in an intense game of musical chairs. The homecoming pep rally had people laughing out loud and cheering for classmates, friends, and teachers in the different competitions that the student council planned.

2. **Tabitha Seip (9)** attempts to beat the competition by placing the most tennis balls in a laundry basket while being pushed on a scooter. The pep rally games were designed to challenge students while also forcing them to work together.

3. Strolling across campus, **Ben Janssen (12)** and **Curt Bailey (12)** proudly show off their fishing boat for Squad Day. A lot of the students put extra time and effort into their costumes, hoping to win the award for best costume.

4. On class color day, **Gavin Falk (7)** and **Riley Schreiber (8)** show off their class spirit in their respective colors. Class day was designed to bring each class closer together by competing against other classes.

5. (Back) **Arwen Zhang (12)**, **Jordan Schnell (11)**, **Madi Felt (12)**, (front) **Halle Strong (12)**, and **Skylar Swantek (12)** show their excitement while pretending to ride their homemade roller coaster. The girls won the best costume on Squad Day with their unique and creative idea.

SHOWING SPIRIT

Students Grow Together Through Homecoming

Homecoming is a week designated to showing school spirit. Although homecoming brings the student body closer together as a whole, it can be quite a change moving up from the elementary into the high school building.

Elementary students participate in homecoming dress up days, but their involvement is minimal compared to secondary students. **Rachel Hale (7)** said, "This year's homecoming was more fun than last years, because in the hallway you can see all the creative costumes."

Although moving into the high school building is a big adjustment, it is also an exciting and welcome change.

-Adrienne Falk (12)

SETTING THE TONE

Decorating Committee Makes Homecoming Memorable

Left: Seniors **Laura Carlson** and **Kate Pipher** work on decorations for the high school building.

One of the most noticeable aspects of homecoming is the decorations. Although most years decorating is spearheaded by the student council, this year a creative and willing group of students volunteered to be in charge. Senior **Laura Carlson** said, "We really wanted to foster a festive atmosphere with the space provided, so when students and staff walked down the hall during the days in HOCO week, a sense of excitement and anticipation would be felt by all."

The decorations were greatly enjoyed by the students and staff.

Staff/Student Swap

Cooper Schnell (8)

Squad Day

Zach Egeland (9)
Ethan Merchant (9)

Class Color

Emily Meng (11)

White & Blue Day

Christian Jurden (2)

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PUT ON A SMILE

Student Council Events Bring Extra Fun To School

School isn't everybody's first idea of fun. But, every now and then, something at school will put a smile on the students' faces. "Student council events make school more fun because they give me something to look forward to during the school day and give my mind a nice break with some entertainment," said **Emma Kaczor (12)**.

The student council enjoyed getting to put their heads together to create events and activities the whole student body would like. "StuCo set out with quite a few different goals this year, but they all had one purpose: to give students opportunities to have fun during school and help encourage classmates to grow closer together as friends," said President **Jon Dockweiler (12).** The student council's hard work proved to be a success among the students.

- Cody Griess (12)

What Was Your Favorite Memory of a Student Council Event?

"The slow bike races and the 'sleigh' races during the Christmas pep rally."

- Peter Paul (9)

"When **Clay [Purkerson (11)]** pushed **Mrs. [Dee] Flynn** off of a chair during musical chairs."

- Jada McHarque (12)

1. During a StuCo sponsored "bowling" activity, a group of E-groups smile and laugh at the activity. The Winter Morale Pep Rally featured many events where E-groups battled in friendly competition.

2. **Arwen Zhang (12)** serves a root-beer float to **Olivia Janssen (10)**. The StuCo surprised the student body with a root-beer float social by a staged fire drill.

3. Junior **Stephanie Strobel** serves a beach ball, hitting it with her best effort. This game brought intense competition and showed natural skill.

4. **Hunter Dixon (11)** and **Noah Boersen (12)** race for the square in a game of speed tic-tac-toe. This was just like your usual game of tic-tac-toe but was more lively. and was a race to win.

5. **Amanda Carlson (8)** whispers a phrase to **Caitlin Chiles (7)** during a game of telephone. The game went as expected with little success in communicating phrases, but it generated a lot of laughter.

Left: Student council members **Ben Janssen (12)**, **Jon Dockweiler (12)**, **Cody Griess (12)**, and **Seth Hower (11)** plan for the school year during a summer meeting.

STUDENT LEADERS

Council Members Use the Summer to Get a Head Start

The student council leadership team is voted in by the student body in the spring prior to the next school year. Those elected in the spring of 2018 willingly gave their time to meetings during the summer to get rolling on the upcoming school year. "Summer meetings were very helpful in deciding what direction StuCo would lead once the school year arrived. It also allowed the school year to begin with some fun activities," said Vice President **Curt Bailey (12)**.

These summer meetings are beneficial in coming up with creative ideas to make the school year unique and enjoyable for all.

1. The juniors take one last picture at David Wheaton's home to conclude the trip to Minnesota. The 2019 Nebraska Christian junior trip was a great time for the class to get to know one another better. The trip was well worth it and full of good times and lots of laughs.

2. **Moses Lu (11)** and **Sam Qu (11)** fill out a form before the Northwestern college tour. The juniors had the opportunity to visit two different colleges in Minnesota; this helped them start to think about their upcoming college years.

3. **Christopher Needham (11)** and **Keith Wasomi (11)** battle each other at Skyzone on the jousting blocks in a friendly competition. Jousting was one of the many of the activities offered; students could also do rock wall climbing, dodgeball, and obstacle courses.

4. **Garrett Swantek (11)** and **Bryce Krieger (11)** look at a college magazine as they wait to tour the University of Minnesota, a very large and impressive campus right inside the Twin Cities. The juniors thought it was a good experience to begin to think about college and have the opportunity to visit a large campus.

5. The class smiles at the camera for a photo before they get their food at an Old Spaghetti Factory. The class got to eat out at different restaurants throughout the trip; this was a good time filled with food and conversation.

Deep Discussion

Juniors Spend Time with David Wheaton

Left: **Steph Strobel (11)** and **Kendyl Jividen (11)** listen in on David Wheatons' live radio broadcast.

On the trip, the class had the chance to go to David Wheaton's house and listen in on his radio show "The Christian Worldview." His show brought up some very interesting topics on assurance of salvation.

After the radio show, the students were able to eat breakfast at his house and enjoyed a question and answer time discussing different questions that the students had thought of the night before.

It was a great opportunity for the class to see the Wheatons' ministry and be a small part of it for a day.

Most Memorable Part of the Trip?

"The bus ride gave us a great opportunity to get to know one another better."
- Josie Maberry (11)

"The best part of the trip was getting to know my class on a deeper level.
- Clay Purkerson (11)

LOOKING AHEAD

The Juniors Take a Trip to the Twin Cities

As has been the case for several years, the juniors traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for a weekend trip. On this trip, the students were able to visit two colleges, the University of Minnesota and the University of Northwestern (a Christian college). This was a good chance for the students to see the difference between a smaller Christian college and a state university.

On the trip, the class got to know one another on a deeper level. The students enjoyed each other's company doing different activities on the trip. Junior **Jordan Schnell** said, "My favorite part of the junior trip was getting to know my classmates better and growing together as a class."

The class went to Skyzone trampoline park, worked with each other in an escape room, and visited the Mall of America.

- Garrett Swantek (11)

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BEYOND HISTORY

From the Classroom to the Capital

February 23rd through the 27th, the seniors took a trip to the U.S. capital, Washington, D.C. Every year, the senior class takes this trip led by **Mr. Carl Ostrand**. "This year's senior trip to Washington, D.C. was very successful as a learning opportunity for our students. Each year there is more to learn regarding our nation's history and government," commented Ostrand. The main focus of the D.C. trip is to learn more about the government to bring to life what the seniors already learned in the classroom earlier in the school year.

"I loved going to the capitol because we got to see the incredible architecture, art, and history in the building, as well as view the epicenter of our nation's government," said **Kate Pipher (12)**. The students visited a variety of monuments, memorials, and museums to get the full experience of the nation's capital.

- Jada McHargue (12)

1. **Mr. Carl Ostrand** (middle) and seniors (left to right) **Curt Bailey**, **Skylar Swantek**, **Adrienne Falk**, **Carsyn Ostrand**, **Jada McHargue**, **Jon Dockweiler**, and **Toby Watson** put on their ice skates before heading onto the rink. The students had the opportunity to have some free time at Pentagon City Mall one evening, and many decided to go ice skating.

2. Seniors **Cody Griess**, **Ryan Dexter**, **Jake Twogood**, and **Arwen Zhang** all listen closely to their tour guide at the US Capitol. She was pointing out the special spot in the building where people can hear the conversation on the other side of the room from where they're standing because of the echo off the ceiling.

3. A group of students gather around to watch the famous ceremony of the Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. This fascinating ceremony happens every hour in the winter and every half hour in the summer months at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

4. The seniors look in awe at the structure of the Library of Congress and the beautiful murals on the walls and ceiling. Several students got the opportunity to go down on the floor of the main Library of Congress and look at all the books.

5. Seniors **Skylar Swantek**, **Halle Strong**, **Sara Royle**, **Madi Felt**, **Bekah Feddersen**, and **Tainsley Sebek** pose in front of the White House. While they couldn't tour the White House, the students appreciated being able to see it.

What Was the Best Part of Senior Trip?

"The National Nature Museum [Museum of Natural History]; it was a great experience."

- Richard Li (12)

"Arlington National Cemetery; it was very impressive."

- Kevin Yu (12)

SERVING OTHERS

Christian Organization Stands in the Midst of Fire

The Family Research Council was a new activity on the agenda for the senior class D.C. trip.

The FRC was founded in 1983 as a nonprofit educational and research organization dedicated to supporting families with a biblical worldview. This sets them apart from much of the liberal agenda in D.C.

Various leaders of the organization talked to the students about their outreach in Washington, along with their internship program. The students then got to hear from three of their interns.

Above: Marcus Harris, director of interns at Family Research Council, speaks to the seniors. He explained the intern program that is open to high school graduates.

1. Senior **Skylar Swantek** and her parents enjoy each others' company during picture time. Overall, the Honor Banquet was a great chance for seniors to express gratitude to their parents.

2. **Brad Hilderbrand (12)** carries his younger sister, **Amy Hilderbrand (11)**, instead of being escorted by her. The junior class escorted each individual senior class member to their respective seats next to their parents.

3. Members of the junior class welcome the arriving seniors into the Leadership Center. This was just on way that the juniors served the seniors on the night of the banquet, making it more special and memorable

4. **Mr. Andy Falk** reads off the senior characteristics during the Honor Banquet dinner. The underclassme were given a chance to write characteristics about individual seniors, telling how that senior impacted them

5. Posing for a picture, **Bella Yin (12)** and **Adrienne Falk (12)** try to get the perfect angle. Student were given an opportunity to take plenty of pictures before the actual banquet started.

Finishing Details

Juniors Make Evening Memorable through Decorations

Most people show up to the Honor Banquet giving little or no thought to all of the work put into decorating or setting up for the event. This year's junior class, as usual, was in charge of organizing decorations for the evening. Junior **Kendyl Jividen** said, "It was fun getting to prepare all the little details and seeing it all come together for a beautiful evening."

The decorations were just one additional thing making the evening even more special for those in attendance.

What Was Your Favorite Part of the Banquet?

"It was cool to hear all the things the underclassmen wrote about the seniors."

- Jamie Myers (11)

"The after party at the trampoline park."

- Jake Twogood (12)

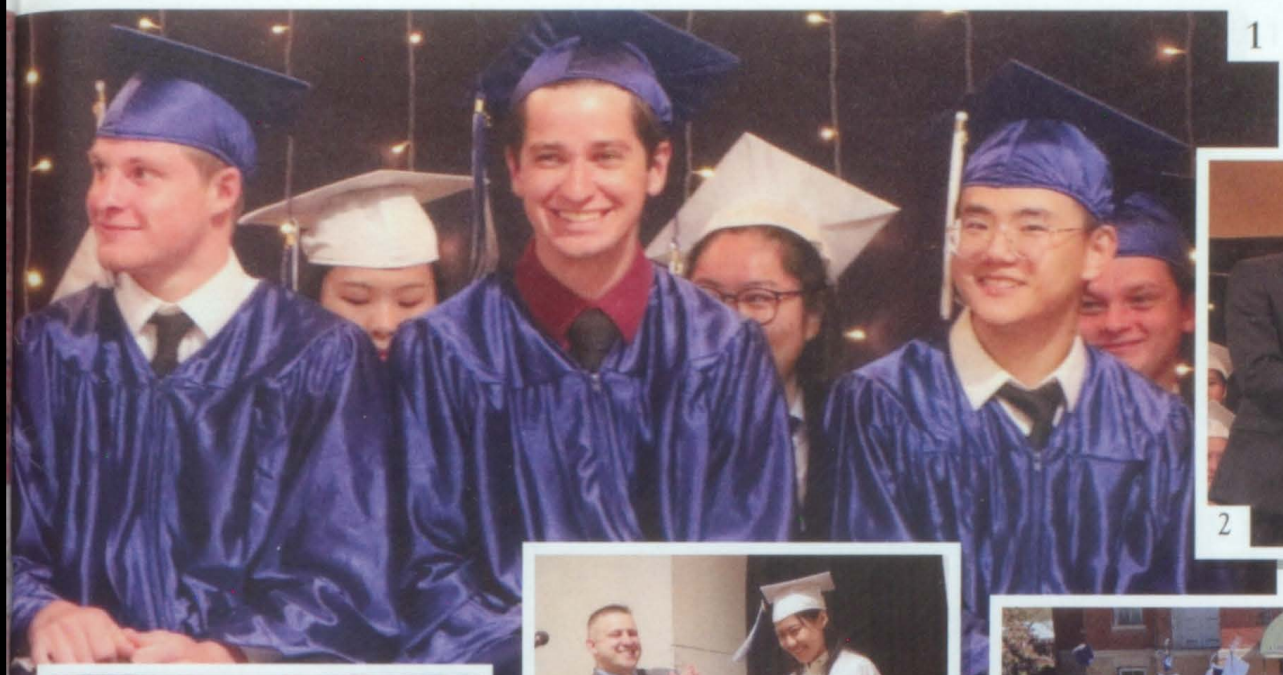
Night to Remembe

Annual Honor Banquet a Rousing Success

On the beautiful, sunny day of May 3, 2019, the Nebraska Christian junior and senior classes gathered at the Aurora Leadership Center for the annual Honor Banquet. This banquet is one designed to honor the senior class and their parents through a fun-filled evening, organized by the junior class. From the pictures, to the catered meal, to the after party, the night is one in which upperclassmen come together with the ultimate goal of honoring Christ through the evening. **Laura Carlson (12** commented, "Honor Banque this year was a really memorable event. The juniors did an excellent job putting together an evening that was classy formal, and fun. I loved having everyone together for a specia night!"

Overall, the night was one filled with laughter, fun, and fellowship, honoring the senior class as a whole.

- Adrienne Falk (12)



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FINISH LINE

Wrapping up with Words of Wisdom

On May 11, 2019, all of the seniors lined up in pairs and walked through the gym together for the last time. The room was a combination of tears, smiles, and laughter as the seniors marched up on the stage to receive their diplomas, give final speeches, and start their new lives as high school graduates.

One of the highlights of this year's graduation was a speech given by senior **Curt Bailey**, in which he talked about the aspect of serving others. "When you walk into the room, it's not about how tall you can be, but how low and humble you can stoop to serve others," said Bailey during the course of his speech.

Finally, all the students' names were called, and they received their diplomas, which they have worked countless hour for.

The members of the NC Class of 2019 were excellent role models, leaving the underclassmen hoping to live up to their example in years to come.

- Josie Maberry (11)

Advice for Underclassmen?

"Be involved in activities and have fun participating."
- Carsyn Ostrand (12)

"Remember high school doesn't last forever, and don't get caught up in drama."
- Laura Carlson (12)

1. Seniors **Noah Boersen**, **Curt Bailey**, and **Baron Bai** listen to commencement speaker Mr. Keith Becker give his speech. Becker emphasized following God no matter what and remaining steadfast in the faith.

2. **Angelina Rodriguez (12)** smiles at the camera as she receives her diploma from Mr. Ryan Twogood, an NC board member. All the board members who had children in the class handed out diplomas to the graduates.

3. Seniors **Dream Tungtweegait** and **Kevin Yu** walk in together during the graduation march. This was Tungtweegait's first year attending NC and Yu's fourth year.

4. Superintendent **Tim Hekrdle** introduces senior **Arwen Zhang** prior to her speech. Senior speakers Zhang, **Curt Bailey**, and **Ben Janssen** were selected based on academics and leadership.

5. The seniors throw their caps up in the air in celebration. Each year, the seniors gather prior to the ceremony for a final class picture, and the session ends with the cap toss.

Left: Senior **Toby Watson** shakes junior **Seth Hower**'s hand to symbolize the passing off of the #1 locker.

PASSING IT ON

Senior Passes on the Torch of Leadership

It's been a long-time tradition at Senior Night to will down the #1 locker in the boys locker room to an upcoming senior who shows exceptional leadership skills on and off the field.

This year, the #1 locker was passed from **Toby Watson (12)** to **Seth Hower (11)**. "I was very honored to receive the #1 locker because so many young men I look up to have had it before me, and it was an honor to follow in their footsteps," said Hower. He hopes his leadership next year will live up to this locker legend.

1. All the girls in the dorm and the dorm mom **Miss Kaity Flynn** pose for a picture. The girls dorm was smaller than normal in 2018-2019, which allowed for close friendships to develop.

2. **Chaeyeong Lee (10)** and Mr. Doug Langemeier ride a jet ski during a day at the lake. At the beginning of the school year, the girls dorm residents and a few other girls went out to the Langemeiers' for a day of fun on the lake.

3. The girls wait anxiously for their chance to go indoor skydiving. They got the opportunity to have the thrill of skydiving at the indoor skydiving facility in Kansas City over there thanksgiving break.

4. **Michelle Huang (12)**, **Emily Meng (11)**, **Charlotte Wang (10)**, **Bella Yin (12)**, and **Arwen Zhang (12)** pose for a picture to capture the moment of the girls being in Chicago. The girls went to Chicago to explore the city and all it has to offer while on there Easter Trip.

5. Senior **Arwen Zhang** pauses for a picture with the Nebraska Christian sign as she leaves campus following graduation. Zhang attended NC for three years, and she lived in the dorm the whole time.

Tenny Sebek (10), **Tainsley Sebek (12)**, and **Emily Meng (11)** take a picture together during Christmas break.

HOME AWAY

International Girls Spend Time in American Homes

International dorm students had two opportunities to spend time in American homes this year: a Christmas homestay and Adopt-a-Student Sundays. On "adopt" Sundays, students went to a host family's house to spend the day experiencing life in an American home. American and international students looked forward to these Sundays. **Kate Pipher (12)** said, "It was really special to share our home with **Michelle [Huang (12)]** and do life with her. I loved the chance to connect with her outside of a scheduled school environment."

What Was Your Favorite Memory?

"I like to help with the elementary kids and play with them."
- Poko Hongdilokkul (10)

"Going to Chicago on the Easter Trip."
- Charlotte Wang (10)

BECOMING SISTERS

Dorm Girls Forge a Family

The girls dorm is full of life, love, and laughter. The dorm this year was different from past years because of the decrease in size. There were only 11 girls this year in total (one American and ten internationals), making it a close knit group of young ladies as well as the perk of not having to take a bus whenever they wanted to go somewhere. Dorm Mom **Kaity Flynn** said, "With a smaller number of girls, we got pretty close this year. Some of the most memorable times for me are not big flashy events, but the everyday life moments: laughing in the great room, singing Happy Birthday badly, chatting about life over snacks after school."

The dorm next year will look different, since Flynn will no longer be the dorm mom, passing the torch to **Miss Hannah Myers**. Flynn said, "The girls taught me so much and have changed my life forever."

- Jada McHarque (12)

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GLOBAL VILLAGE

Learning to Live with Other Cultures

Living apart from home can be really challenging by itself, let alone living with people with different worldviews and cultural barriers. In 2018-2019, the dorm was made up of 19 international boys from China, Vietnam, Thailand, and Kenya and two Americans who lived far away from school.

Coming from different backgrounds and countries, the dorm boys had different activities on the weekend to bond and know more about other cultures. Acknowledging the difficulties of dorm life, **Richard Li (12)** said, "This is an experience that not everybody could have. Living with people from different countries and studying abroad are quite challenging and also exciting for me."

This year, the international dorm boys got to travel to Chicago and Kansas City for Thanksgiving and Easter break. Senior **Til Lyu** said, "Worlds of Fun was definitely the highlight of the trip. My friends and I spent a lot time together having fun."

- Keira Yu (12)

What Was Your Favorite Part of the Trips?

"Spend time with my Chinese friends at Chicago."

- Baron Bai (12)

"Going to Worlds of Fun with [2018 graduate] Hieu [Nguyen]."

- Keith Wasomi (11)

1. The international boys stand on the stage and post for a picture after the Harvest Festival. The Harvest Festival was one of the times that international boys dressed up together.

2. During the bus ride to Kansas City, the boys pose for a picture. The driving time was always fun for the boys.

3. **Boxin Du (9)** and **Mr. Mike Flynn** take a selfie at the Chicago Skydeck. It was really pretty to see the scenes at night of Chicago from the Skydeck. Visiting the Skydeck in the Willis (Sears) Tower was one of the highlights of the trip.

4. **Moses Lu (11)** prepares for some bumper cars fun on the Kansas City trip. The boys did lots of fun things in Kansas City while on the Easter trip.

5. The boys take a picture in front of the Shedd Aquarium, the world's biggest aquarium, in Chicago during the Thanksgiving trip. The aquarium contains 32,000 animals.

The dorm boys enjoy riding the Sea Dragon at Worlds of Fun.

EASTER OF FUN

International Boys Travel to Kansas City

One of the traditional things for the international kids is the Easter trip. In 2019, the international boys spent Easter in Kansas City.

During the trip, the international boys had a lot of fun at Worlds of Fun. They rode most of the amusements, including the Patriot and Mamba roller coasters.

Dream Tungtweegait (12) said, "It was so much fun when you ride the roller coaster but [stinks] when you are about to throw up."

1. Towards the finale of the epic Lessons & Carols performance, **Maestro Eric Dale Knapp** pulls energy out of the choir with his animated conducting. This was the thirteenth year of the program, and it continued in its tradition of excellence.

2. **Kendyl Jividen (12)**, along with her hors d'oeurves serving partner **Toby Watson (12)**, offers food to **Mrs. Ronda Jividen.** Selective junior girls and senior boys had the honor of serving treats to guests pre-auction.

3. Elementary band students line up, preparing to perform for the Harvest Festival. The kids serenaded the guests as ate the delicious meal prepared by the kitchen staff.

4. **Linh Nguyen (12)** and **Clay Purkerson (11)** carefully pour coffee for guests of the Harvest Festival. The purpose of this program was to update donors on the financial future and status of the school, as well as thank them for their prayers and financial support. It was also an opportunity for the community to come together in a time of Thanksgiving.

5. **Kendyl Jividen (11)**, **Link Lin (9)**, and **Til Lyu (12)** lead the clarinet section during the Harvest Festival. Students were given the opportunity to perform and bless attendees at many events throughout the year, including that one.

A SPECIAL GIFT

Scholarship Auction Brings in Generous Amount of Money

1. Volunteers help prepare plates of hors d'oeuvres for auction attendees. The entire staff, parent volunteers, and friends of the school were involved in providing the best possible experience for the donors.

2. **Curt Bailey (12)** delivers a humorous and heartfelt speech about the NC scholarship that enabled him to attend NC. Many students benefit from scholarship funds raised at the auction.

One of the special features of Nebraska Christian's annual Dinner & Benefit Auction is the scholarship auction. NC allocates $100,000 as scholarship funds each year, and much of this is raised during the scholarship auction portion of the evening.

Donors were excited to give this year, and before the auction began, there was already $28,000 in the fund. At the end of the night, they had accumulated an additional $70,434.66 for a total of $98.434.66. It ended up being less than $2,000 under the goal for the fund. These scholarships bless numerous students who would not otherwise be able to attend Nebraska Christian. Two past scholarship recipients spoke at the auction, **Madi Felt (12)** and **Curt Bailey (12)**. Of speaking at the event, Bailey said, "I felt honored to give a speech, and I know just how helpful the scholarships are for families--I myself received a scholarship freshman year that allowed me to attend NC. I'm incredibly grateful."

What Was Your Favorite Special Event of the Year?

"The auction. Being a 'Vanna' was super fun and it was fun to see everyone come together and support NC."
- Jada McHarque (12)

"Festival of Lessons & Carols because the time we spend learning about singing."
- Marlie Mundt (8)

"Harvest Festival because the food was good."
- Tainsley Sebek (12)

GOING ALL OUT *Events Open NC's Doors to the Community*

A few times a year, Nebraska Christian's gym is transformed into a completely different area.

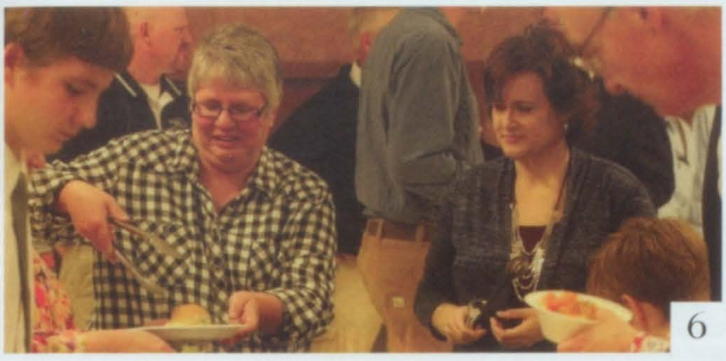
Beginning in the fall, the area dons a fall feast feel. The walls are lined with students artwork, depicting pumpkins and other projects. The Harvest Festival is a chance for the community to come together and be updated on the school and praise God for His faithfulness.

Nearing Christmas, the gym becomes a sparkling wonderland full of trees and poinsettias. The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a spectacular event that brings in hundreds to experience the beauty of the advent season through masterful music lead by Maestro Eric Dale Knapp.

Finally, in the spring, the gym is transformed into a classy dining area surrounded by hundreds of items up for auction. NC pulls off a delicious catered meal and rousing auction that raises a significant amount of money for the school.

These three events would not be possible without the tireless work of numerous staff members and volunteers. Each one of these occasions brings the community together and becomes a night to remember.

-Kate Dupher (12)



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6. **Mrs. Daurice Hower** and **Miss Becky Ritta** serve meat at the end of the buffet line at the Harvest Festival. Events like these would have been impossible without the time commitment of NC's staff.

7. **Adrienne Falk (12)**, **Jada McHargue (12)**, **Kate Pipher (12)**, **Madi Felt (12)**, and **Halle Strong (12)** pose for a picture before their auction duties begin. These senior girls were given the privilege of helping the auctioneer sell items in the live auction.

8. **Lizzy Powers (9)** smiles as she walks out of the kitchen to place cheesecake slices on her tables at the Dinner & Benefit Auction. Students were assigned to serve certain tables throughout the night and cater to the guests' needs.

9. Hors d'oeuvre Servers. Row 1: Seniors **Cejay Mieth**, **Bella Yin**, and **Michelle Huang**, juniors **Jamie Myers**, **Steph Strobel**, and **Kendyl Jividen**. 2nd Row: Seniors **Ben Janssen**, **Jon Dockweiler**, **Toby Watson**, **Noah Boersen**, **Cody Griess**, and **Jake Twogood**.

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10. Choir Director **Mike Flynn** conducts the children's choir during the Festival. Flynn is always instrumental in preparing the students for the festival months in advance.

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11. **Bentley McHargue (K)** enjoys his carrot cake during the Harvest Festival. Everyone loved seeing the younger elementary students dress up in their fall formal outfits at the Harvest Festival.

12. **Gavin Falk (7)** and **Micah Green (8)** hold their folders in a way to project the sound of their voices. Maestro Knapp was particular about such details.

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13. The Children's Choir belts out their part in the Festival. The voices of the kids sounded angelic because of the song selection and their hours of practice.

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150 Students in the Festival of Lessons & Carols Choir

$209,000 Money Raised at the Auction

5. **Michelle Huang (12)**, **Charlotte Wang (10)**, **Linh Nguyen (12)**, **Bella Yin (12)**, and **Ali Winsterman (12)** pose with Timberlake Ranch Camp's Amanda Gonzalez Miranda after an afternoon of working with horses at TRC. Winsterman volunteered to help with the horsemanship group for an important reason: "I knew the girls [who participated] already, but it was fun to get to know them better in a setting outside of school, and I loved being able to teach them something important to me."

2. Sophomore **Charlotte Wang** and senior **Bella Yin** play one of the outside games, corn hole. The outside games were pretty cool when it was late summer time.

3. **Jai Wu (10)**, **Link Lin (9)**, **Boxin Du (9)**, **Sam Qu (11)**, **Kevin Yu (12)**, **Gavin Lybarger (10)**, and **Connor Lovejoy (10)** finish boating at the Nokelbys' house. Boating was one of the most popular after school activities for students.

4. **An Chu (12)** learns how to properly hold a shot gun. She learned how to aim and have proper control of the firearm.

5. Senior **Michelle Huang** rides a horse for the first time. Riding horses proved to be a fun yet challenging activity for the students.

FORE!

Students Learn Golf's Basics

Left: Senior **Kevin Yu** prepares his swing. Golf was a new sport for many students, and they enjoyed learning to play.

Golfing was one of the many after school activities this year. Mr. Dan Poppe was the sponsor of the golfing. For hours on Wednesdays in the fall, students went to a golf course near Central City and had the opportunity to learn how to golf.

Junior **Sam Qu** said, "Golfing is one of the things that I like to do for leisure time. Also at the after school activity, I made a lot friends." It was a fresh experience for students who were in the golfing club, since NC doesn't have golfing as a sport.

What's Was Your Favorite Activity?

"Board games."
- Dream Tungateegait (12)

"Riding bikes."
- Barry Zhang (12)

AFTER SCHOOL FUN

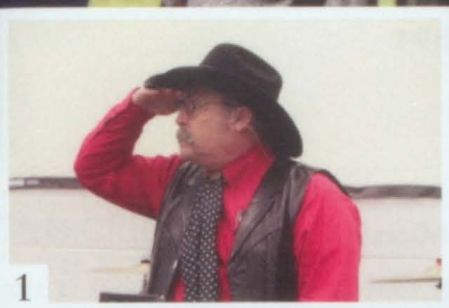
Connections Made Outside of School

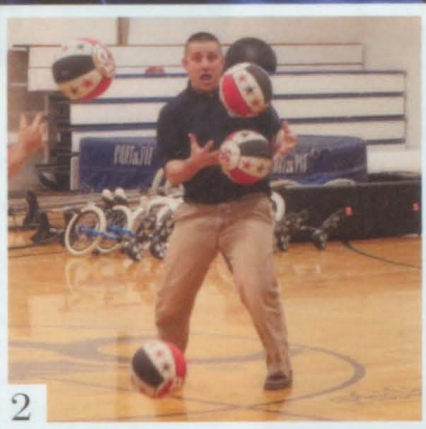
Nebraska Christian organized various activities and clubs for students this school year, and an after school activities program was one of those. Students who were not participating in sports were welcome to be participants in these events. NC wanted students to be more involved and encouraged students to interact with each other.

There were a variety of after school activities, such as golfing, board games, and cooking club. When asked about the cooking club, senior **Baron Bai** said, "One of my favorite after school activities is cooking club. I get so much fun experience during this time, and I have good chances to make my own food to eat and decorate. The sponsors are really patient and friendly; they would give us advices to improve next time. It was the highlight of my after school activity to cook my own food and enjoy the meal."

The after school program was fun and made students involved.

- Keer Yu (12)





SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Students Blessed Weekly with God's Word

NC students are blessed in a way that most of them never realize. Weekly, Nebraska Christian students get the privilege of listening to some of the most grounded and godly men and pastors from local communities. "My favorite chapel speaker is **Mr. [Eric] Zanger** because he speaks with enthusiasm, so you know he really believes what he's saying. His messages are very convicting and encouraging," said **Molly Griess (9)**.

On top of the weekly nourishment, at least once a year, NC holds a spiritual emphasis day to spend a morning diving into God's word. The afternoon is spent playing games within E-groups and with other students. **Garrett Nokelby (11)** said, "My favorite part of spiritual emphasis day was bonding with my E-group after the sermon and all afternoon while playing games."

The sermons and messages taught at NC are one of the greatest advantages, blessings, and strengths of the school.

- Cody Griess (12)

How Have You Grown through Chapel or Spiritual Emphasis Day?

"From spending the day in the word and growing closer to my E-group during Spiritual Emphasis Day."

- Tabitha Seip (9)

"Chapels have challenged me to examine my life and to understand God's goodness in my life."

- Olivia Janssen (10)

1. **Mr. Curtis Cooper** looks into the audience during one of his famous cowboy poems. This chapel was unique and special for the school to listen to cowboy songs and poetry by Cooper and **Mrs. Janice Stuhmer,** who perform as the duo Prairie Echo.

2. **Mr. Tim Hekrdle** juggles passes back from Mr. Bruce Crevier. The Crevier family came and showed their advanced basketball skills to the student body while also teaching a lesson of being champions for Christ.

3. **Skylar Swantek's (12)** E-group prays together on the ACSI Day of Prayer. Students spent a majority of the day praying for the school, community, leadership, and pastors.

4. During chapel, **Jonathan Needham (9)** strums his guitar. Every week, a group of students got to serve the student body with their musical talents by leading them in worship.

5. **Micah Green (8)** uses all his strength to win a tug-of-war competition during spiritual emphasis day. The afternoon activities were an example of how to compete while still showing Christ-like character.

ENCOURAGEMENT GROUPS

Small Groups Keep Students Accountable

Left: An E-group prays together during the ACSI Day of Prayer.

Small groups are an important ingredient in one's spiritual growth. Nebraska Christian has small groups of students called E-groups (Encouragement Groups) that meet every week after chapel to discuss the lesson and pray. There are guys and girls groups made up of students from every grade. A senior or junior is tasked with the responsibility of leading an E-group.These groups are a blessing to many students. "E-groups give me time to connect with and lead younger students. It gives me an opportunity to share my faith and challenges me to be focused more during chapel," said **Noah Boersen (12).**

Group Pictures

Cross Country

Meets
Albion
Aurora
Central City
Albion
UNK
Hastings St. Cecilia
Conference
Districts
State

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Arwen Zhang (12), Halle Strong (12), Laura Carlson (12). Row 2: Barry Zhang (12), Ryan Dexter (12), Jon Dockweiler (12), Curt Bailey (12), Ben Janssen (12). Row 3: Clay Purkerson (11), Moses Lu (11), Garrett Nokelby (11). Row 4: Xavier Herman (10), Josh Strong (10), Tenny Sebek (10), Olivia Janssen (10), Shelby Swanson (10). Row 5: Chantz Stuhmer (9), Ethan Merchant (9). Not Pictured: Brad Hilderbrand (12), Coaches Scott Johnson and Rick Jacques.

Football

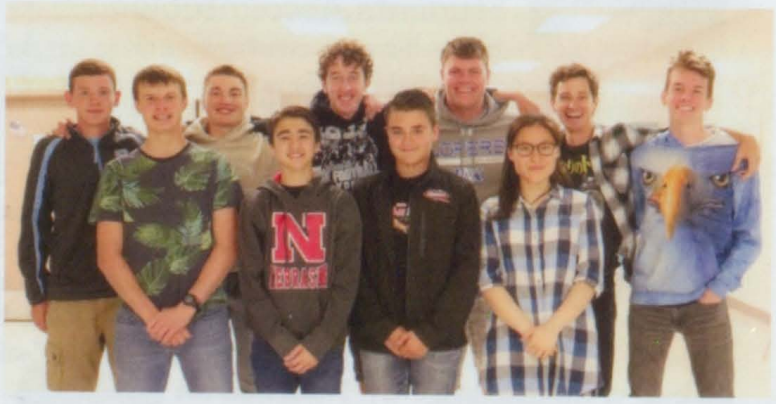
Record: 9-1

Thayer Central	20-6
Nebraska Lutheran	54-30
East Butler	44-6
Shelton	48-22
Heartland	50-6
Fullerton	24-12
Ravenna	40-12
Palmer	64-22
Ainsworth	76-40
North Central	28-36

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Cody Griess (12), Toby Watson (12), Justin Brock (12), Noah Boersen (12), Jake Twogood (12). Row 2: Johnny Wu (11), Keith Wasomi (11), Kalob Green(11), Seth Hower (11), Garrett Swantek (11). Row 3: Grant Stuhmer (10), Elijah Boersen (10), Aidan Pipher (10), Carl Mundt (10), James Thomas (10). Row 4: Nehemiah Peters (9), Peter Paul(9), Dayton Falk (9), Zach Egeland (9), Stone Swantek (9), Isaac Halbgewachs (9), Kaleb Morton (9), Charlie Cheng (9). Not Pictured: Coaches Carl Ostrand, Andy Falk, David Gee, Levi Landrigan; Student Managers Drew Bailey (8), Gavin Falk (7), Gabe Langemeier (8), Jacob Nokelby (8), Terry Sebek (8), Will Twogood (8).

Play Production

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Toby Zaruba (10), Brad Hilderbrand (12), Tainsley Sebek (12), Halle Strong (12), Tenny Sebek (10), Jada McHargue (12). Row 2: Manisa Hongdilokkul (12), Josh Strong (10), Madi Felt (12). Row 3: Coach Karmen Hamer, Olivia Janssen (10), Cejay Mieth (12), Connor Lovejoy (10), Curt Bailey (12), Jon Dockweiler (12), Bekah Feddersen (12).



Student Council

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Secretary Ben Janssen (12), 8th President Riley Schreiber (8), 7th President Christian Strobel (7), Treasurer Arwen Zhang (12). Row 2: 10th President Aidan Pipher (10), 12th President Cody Griess (12), President Jon Dockweiler, 11th President Seth Hower (11), Vice President Curt Bailey (12), 9th President Ethan Merchant (9). Not Pictured: Advisor Becky Ritta.

Boys Club Soccer Record: 0-7

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Toby Zaruba (10), Moses Lu (11), Dream Tungtweegait (12), Ethan Burdett (10), Brad Hilderbrand (12), Chantz Stuhmer (9), Connor Lovejoy (10). Row 2: Sam Qu (11), Gavin Lybarger (10), Z Ha (12), Barry Zhang (12), Ben Janssen (12), Jonathan Needham (9), Jai Wu (10), Coach Clay Mankin.

Girls Club Soccer Record: 0-5

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Poko Hongdilokkul (10), Manisa Hongdilokkul (12), Charlotte Wang (10), Halle Strong (12), Olivia Janssen (10), Skylar Swantek (12). Row 2: Coach Lorenzo Santillan, Chaeyeong Lee (10), Talia Parlane (11), Arwen Zhang (12), Jordan Schnell (11), Madi Felt (12), Chandra Davis (9), Coach Joshua Davis.

National Honor Society

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Olivia Janssen (10), Arwen Zhang (12), Bella Yin (12), Michelle Huang (12), Kendyl Jividen (11), Ben Janssen (12). Row 2: Shelby Swanson (10), Linh Nguyen (12), Talia Parlane (11), Sam Qu (11), Curt Bailey (12), Ethan Burdett (10), Elijah Boersen (10). Row 3: Kate Pipher (12), Tenny Sebek (10), Jamie Myers (11), Skylar Swantek (12), Sara Royle (12), Kevin Yu (12), Aidan Pipher (10), Garrett Nokelby (11), Xavier Herman (10). Row 4: Seth Hower (11), Carsyn Ostrand (12), Ali Winsterman (12), Adrienne Falk (12), Jordan Schnell (11), Chris Needham (11), Jake Twogood (12), Toby Watson (12). Not Pictured: Advisor Andy Falk.

Wrestling

Meets
Osceola
Elgin
Harvard
Newman Grove
Aquinas
Cross County
Neligh-Oakdale
Boone Central
GICC
Districts
State

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Coach Matt Green, Gabe Huenefeld (10), Stone Swantek (9), Elijah Green (10), Kalob Green (11), Kaleb Morton (9), Daniel Musgrave (9). Row 2: Coach Terry Elge, Cody Kaczor (10), Garrett Swantek (11), James Thomas (10), Justin Brock (12), Carl Mundt (10), Isaac Halbgewachs (9), Coach Scott Griepenstroh. Not Pictured: Student Manager Marlie Mundt (8).

Girls Basketball

Record: 12-12

St. Edward	59-9
Sutton	26-45
Heartland Lutheran	33-31
High Plains	33-15
Humphrey/Holy Family	13-51
St. Francis	25-62
Centennial	21-44
Thayer Central	36-48
Walthill	42-27
Southern	29-41
Fullerton	40-56
Central Valley	30-52
Osceola	53-31
Spalding Academy	63-8
St. Edward	56-25
Burwell	38-53
Wood River	43-42
Heartland	42-56
Riverside	51-17
Burwell	31-49
Nebraska Lutheran	55-30
Palmer	41-26
High Plains	47-26
Humphrey/Holy Family	39-56

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Jada McHargue (12), Kate Pipher (12), Carsyn Ostrand (12), Adrienne Falk (12). Row 2: Head Coach Erin Mankin, manager Taytum Perdew (5), manager Graci Boersen (7), Shelby Swanson (10), Tenny Sebek (10), manager Hope Seip (7), manager Sheridan Falk (5), Assistant Coach Marty Griess. Row 3: Sidney McHargue (9), Lizzy Powers (9), Molly Griess (9), Tabitha Seip (9), Shelby McHargue (9), Chandra Davis (9).

Boys and Girls Track

Meets

Concordia
Merrick County
Osceola
Wood River
High Plains
Palmer
Goldenrod Conference
Cross County
District
State

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Sidney McHargue (9), Laura Carlson (12), Carsyn Ostrand (12), Kate Pipher (12), Grace Langemeier (11), Shelby Swanson (10). Row 2: Tabitha Seip (9), Sidney McHargue (9), Molly Griess (9), Adrienne Falk (12), Steph Strobel (11), Kendyl Jividen (11), Chandra Davis (9), Lizzy Powers (9), Tenny Sebek (10). Row 3: Xavier Herman (10), Chantz Stuhmer (9), Josh Strong (10), Ryan Dexter (12), Clay Purkerson (11), Andrew Nguyen (9), Caden Bokelman (10), Boxin Du (9). Row 4: Nehemiah Peters (9), Johnny Wu (11), Elijah Boersen (10), Jake Twogood (12), Garrett Nokelby (11), Noah Boersen (12), Barry Zhang (12), Dayton Falk (9). Row 5: Toby Watson (12), Curt Bailey (12), Justin Brock (12), Christopher Needham (11), Seth Hower (11), Jon Dockweiler (12), Aidan Pipher (10), Sam Qu (11), Keith Wasomi (11).

Yearbook Staff

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Savannah Thomas (12), Jada McHargue (12), Business Manager Adrienne Falk (12), Editor Laura Carlson (12), Head Photographer Carsyn Ostrand (12), Josie Maberry (11). Row 2: Nehemiah Peters (9), Garrett Swantek (10), Seth Hower (11), Cody Griess (12), Kevin Yu (12). Not Pictured: Copy Editor Kate Pipher (12), Advisor Becky Ritta.

Broadcasting Club

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Brad Hilderbrand (12), Adam Carlson (7), Richie Musgrave (7). Row 2: Justin Maberry (7), Josh Strong (10), Connor Lovejoy (10), Advisor J.C. Kleier.

High School Quiz Bowl

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Connor Lovejoy (10), Xavier Herman (10), Josh Strong (10), Arwen Zhang (12), Olivia Janssen (10), Coach Dee Flynn. Row 2: Christopher Needham (11), Curt Bailey (12), Jonathan Needham (9), Kate Pipher (12), Ben Janssen (12).

Junior High Quiz Bowl

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Amanda Needham (7), Rachel Hale (7), Amanda Carlson (8), Sophie Swanson (8), Kylie Merchant (8). Row 2: Coach Tara Mundt, Cooper Schnell (8), Elijah Peters (8), Isaac Herman (8), Terry Sebek (8), Richie Musgrave (7).

Speech

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Halle Strong (12), Olivia Janssen (10), Tainsley Sebek (12), Lizzy Powers (9), An Chu (12), Coaches' Aide Jessica Hilderbrand. Row 2: Ben Janssen (12), Head Coach Karmen Hamer, Xavier Herman (10), Bekah Feddersen (12), Cejay Mieth (12), Madi Felt (12), Manisa Hongdilokkul (12), Amy Hilderbrand (11), Coach Ruth Ferris, Coach Dyanne Medlock.

Junior High Athletes

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Adam Carlson (7), Richie Musgrave (7), Zach Huenefeld (7), Ethan Carlson (8), Elijah Peters (8), Christopher Medlock (7), Drew Bailey (7). Row 2: Amanda Carlson (8), Sophie Swanson (8), Sarah Lasso (8), Amy Springer (8), Marlie Mundt (8), Claire Pipher (8), Reghan Flynn (8), Hope Seip (7), Graci Boersen (7), Alexandra Bruning (7), Hannah Swanson (7), Tug Burdett (8). Row 3: Rachel Hale (7), Grace Strong (7), Kylie Merchant (7), Amanda Needham (7), Micah Perdew (7), Jacob Nokelby (8), Riley Schreiber (8), Will Twogood (8), Isaac Herman (8), Truitt Merchant (8), Micah Green (8). Row 4: Gracie Musgrave (7), Caitlin Chiles (7), Christian Strobel (7), Gavin Falk (7), Micah Davis (8), Owen Morris (8), Malachi Zaruba (8), Gabe Langemeier (8), Terry Sebek (8), Drew Perdew (8).

Investment Club

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Manisa Hongdilokkul (12), An Chu (12), Charlotte Wang (10), Arwen Zhang (12), Linh Nguyen (12). Row 2: Andrew Nguyen (9), Jonathan Needham (9), Sam Qu (11), Kalob Green (11), Peter Paul (9). Row 3: Moses Lu (11), Johnny Wu (11). Not Pictured: Elijah Green (10).

Band

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Faith Springer (7), Marlie Mundt (8), Amanda Carlson (8), Kylie Merchant (7), Caitlin Chiles (7), Olivia Janssen (10), Amy Hilderbrand (11). Row 2: Til Lyu (12), Link Lin (9), Kendyl Jividen (11), Sophie Swanson (8), Amy Springer (8), Madi Felt (12). Row 3: Sarah Lasso (8), Andrew Nguyen (9), Reghan Flynn (8), Ali Bruning (7), Chris Medlock (7), Richie Musgrave (7), Truitt Merchant (8), Lizzy Powers (9). Row 4: Chantz Stuhmer (9), Devyn Burmeister (10), Ellie Eihusen (9), Hannah Swanson (7), Shelby Swanson (10), Amanda Needham (7), Rachel Hale (7), Jamie Myers (11), Will Twogood (8), Malachi Zaruba (8), Adam Carlson (7), Tug Burdett (8). Row 5: Grant Stuhmer (10), Chris Needham (11), Riley Schreiber (8), Justin Maberry (7), Seth Hower (11), Gavin Falk (7), Gabe Langemeier (8), Jacob Nokelby (8), Ethan Carlson (8). Tow 6: Bryce Krieger (11), Jonathan Needham (9), Ethan Merchant (9), Charlie Cheng (9). Not pictured: Bennett Zaruba (12), Talia Parlane (11). Not Pictured: Savannah Thomas (12).

Junior & Senior High Robotics

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Kylie Merchant (7), Grace Strong (7), Amanda Carlson (8), Amanda Needham (7), Amy Springer (8), Rachel Hale (7). Row 2: Aide Caleb Merchant, Manisa Hongdilokkul (12), Christopher Medlock (7), Adam Carlson (7), Ethan Carlson (8), Xavier Herman (10), Josh Strong (10), Connor Lovejoy (10). Row 3: Aide Travis Burdett, Dream Tungtweegait (12), Drew Bailey (7), Ethan Burdett (10), Chris Needham (11), Jonathan Needham (9), Ben Janssen (12), Head Coach Gary Needham.

Choir

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Linh Nguyen (12), Talia Parlane (11), Kendyl Jividen (11), Stephanie Strobel (11), Grace Langemeier (11), Sara Royle (12), Lizzy Powers (9). Row 2: Chandra Davis (9), Shelby Swanson (10), Olivia Janssen (10), Cejay Mieth (12), Tainsley Sebek (12), Halle Strong (12), Bekah Feddersen (12), Madi Felt (12). Row 3: Ellie Eihusen (9), Devyn Burmeister (10), Emily Meng (11), Shelby McHargue (9), Tabitha Seip (9), Molly Griess (9), Sidney McHargue (9). Row 4: Charlie Cheng (9), Daniel Musgrave (9), Jonathan Needham (9), Benjamin Janssen (12), Hunter Dixon (11), Curt Bailey (12), Bennett Zaruba (12), Chantz Stuhmer (9), Toby Zaruba (10), Stone Swantek (9). Row 5: Isaac Halbgewachs (9), Dayton Falk (9), Chris Needham (11), Ethan Burdett (10), Keith Wasomi (11), Grant Stuhmer (10), James Thomas (10), Aidan Pipher (10), Garrett Nokelby (11), Ethan Merchant (9). Not Pictured: Kalob Green (11), Clay Purkerson (11), Charlotte Wang (10).

Math Team

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Arwen Zhang (12), Linh Nguyen (12), Manisa Hongdilokkul (12). Row 2: Benjamin Janssen (12), Til Lyu (12), Kevin Yu (12), Z Ha (12), Johnny Wu (11), Sam Qu (11).

Conference Art Team

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Manisa Hongdilokkul (12), Barry Zhang (12), An Chu (12), Michelle Huang (12), Bella Yin (12), Cejay Mieth (12), Laura Carlson (12), Carsyn Ostrand (12), Skylar Swantek (12). Row 2: Teacher Renate Johansen, Connor Lovejoy (10), Til Lyu (12), Emma Kaczor (12), Z Ha (12), Baron Bai (12), Sara Royle (12), Angelina Rodriguez (12), Stephanie Strobel (11), Jonathan Dockweiler (12), Benjamin Janssen (12), Curt Bailey (12), Toby Watson (12), Noah Boersen (12), Ryan Dexter (12). Row 3: Jordan Schnell (11), Johnny Wu (11), Moses Lu (11), Emily Meng (11), Chaeyeong Lee (10), Jai Wu (10), Bryce Krieger (11), Kaler Johansen (9), Gabe Huenefeld (10), Elijah Green (10), Kaleb Morton (9), Elijah Boersen (10). Row 4: Sam Qu (11), Charlotte Wang (10), Tenny Sebek (10), Nehemiah Peters (9), Carl Mundt (10), Cody Kaczor (10), Kobe Morris (9), Boxin Du (9).

Volleyball Record: 26-5

				Heartland Lutheran	3-0
Heartland Lutheran	2-0	Lakeview	0-2	St. Francis	3-2
Palmer	2-0	Elgin/Pope John	2-0	Burwell	3-0
Nebraska Lutheran	3-0	Riverside	2-0	Central City	2-0
High Plains	3-0	Centura	3-0	Broken Bow	0-2
Central Valley	2-1	Heartland Lutheran	2-0	Elba	2-0
Burwell	2-0	St. Francis	2-0	Gibbon	2-0
Central City	2-0	Spalding Academy	2-0	Howells-Dodge	3-1
Holdredge	2-0	Fullerton	2-0	HIHF	1-3
Hastings	0-2	St. Edward	2-0	Giltner	3-2
BCNG	2-0	Osceola	2-0	Pleasanton (State)	0-3

Front to back, from left. Row 1: Jada McHargue (12), Carsyn Ostrand (12), Adrienne Falk (12), Kate Pipher (12). Row 2: Steph Strobel (11), Grace Langemeier (11), Kendyl Jividen (11). Row 3: Tabitha Seip (9), Molly Griess (9), Lizzy Powers (9), Shelby McHargue (9), Sidney McHargue (9). Not Pictured: Coaches Tonya Ostrand and Britta Landrigan; Student Managers Alexandra Bruning (7), Reghan Flynn (8), Hope Seip (8).

Boys Basketball Record: 10-15

				Wood River	50-61
St. Edward	63-21	Auburn	29-57	Heartland	58-74
Sutton	37-78	Parkview Christian	71-55	Riverside	28-85
Heartland Lutheran	52-55	Fullerton	42-55	Burwell	54-81
High Plains	52-35	Central Valley	53-60	Nebraska Lutheran	60-49
Humphrey/Holy Family	39-53	Osceola	47-41	Palmer	59-24
St. Francis	55-61	Spalding Academy	61-36	OCA	46-55
Centennial	33-59	Elba	57-5	Nebraska Lutheran	40-34
Thayer Central	57-49	Fullerton	47-76	Centennial	41-69

Front to back, from left to right. Row 1: Til Lyu (12), Kevin Yu (12), Bennett Zaruba (12), Cody Griess (12), Toby Watson (12), Jon Dockweiler (12), Noah Boersen (12). Row 2: Grant Stuhmer (10), Aidan Pipher (10), Keith Wasomi (11), Seth Hower (11), Garrett Nokelby (11), Elijah Boersen (10). Row 3: Coach Andy Perdew, Charlie Cheng (9), Gavin Lybarger (10), Kobe Morris (9), Dayton Falk (9), Ethan Merchant (9), Michel Kondohoma (10), Assistant Coach Drew Schreiber.

L lively, lovable, loving, leader

A adventurous, affectionate, admirable

U understanding, uplifting, unwavering

R reliable, rational, radiant

A amiable, ambitious, authentic

There just aren't enough words to describe what a wonderful daughter you are. We love our quick-witted, sometimes-sarcastic, hard-working, puppy-loving, chicken-finger-eating, book-devouring, self-motivated, super-organized, rockstar of a napper. What a joy you are!

Love, *Mom and Dad*

Ryan,

We are excited to see you start the next chapter in your life. Remember God's words.

Proverbs 2:1-9 "...Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom ..."

You are loved,
Mom & Dad

Rebekah,

WOW—you are a Senior! Was it really almost 19 years ago that you were born? We were so excited when you were born and had to call and tell everyone that we had a baby girl—Rebekah Anna! Everyone says the years go fast, and they really do! It has been wonderful watching you grow up into a lovely young lady.

Dad and I are so proud of you. You are creative, loving, beautiful, caring, wonderful, precious, unique and cherished. We love listening to you sing and watching you act.

Please continue praying about where you should attend college. With God's help, you will excel at everything you do. Remember with Christ you can do anything! You can come to us for anything. We will continue praying for you as you start college and in all that you do.

We will pray for you, believe in you, and support you however we can. God has great plans for you! Be joyful; keep believing!

We love you and are so proud of you! May God bless you mightily in the years to come!

With all of our love, *Dad, Mom, Jason, Rachel & Sean*

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."
-Psalm 139:14

1. **Anisha McCray-Luce (3)** sticks her tongue out in total concentration while working on an art project. **Mrs. Janice Stuhmer** instructed the elementary students on principles of art, allowing them to express themselves while learning.

2. Kindergarten teacher **Hannah Myers** receives a hug from **Bentley McHargue (K)** on the last day of school. First year teacher Myers taught two English Language Learner (ELL) classes in addition to kindergarten.

3. Junior **Seth Hower** prepares to snap the ball on the offensive line. The football team's undefeated regular season was one of the many highlights of the year.

INDIVIDUALLY CREATED

Students and Staff, Each Are Special

Nebraska Christian Schools is a unique entity for many reasons. It has a rich history rooted in sound doctrine, and its impact has reached to the far strains of the world.

The theme of this book reflects the statement from Psalm 139:14 that God has wonderfully made each and every student and staff member on this campus. He has blessed them with personalities and backgrounds so that no two are the same.

The wondrous part of the school is it provides a common place for people to unite, interact, grow, and receive an education.

Students meet on the same campus and have a unifying faith in Jesus Christ. Teachers have the opportunity to engage with students on a deeper and more personal level by discipling them. Friendships have the chance to be even more impactful through the daily reading of God's Word, student-led encouragement groups, and faith-centered activities throughout the entirety of the school year.

Nebraska Christian as a whole is constantly improving, expanding, and progressing towards a better tomorrow. A community of like-minded people who are each knit together by a purposeful God coming to a place where they can form lasting relationships and secure profitable schooling is one of the school's most important legacies.

- Laura Carlson (12)

4. The senior class poses for a picture with Nebraska Senator Ben Sasse. They got to hear Sasse speak at the Nebraska Breakfast on the senior trip. This was an informal time where Nebraska's delegates updated Nebraskans visiting Washington, D.C., on the current political climate.

5. A group of juniors and seniors, along with some staff, aid the residents of Archer by moving sandbags. The widespread flooding in March didn't touch the NC campus, but it impacted many students and staff members.

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6. **Mr. Andy Falk** and senior **Adrienne Falk** make conversation with a resident at Cottonwood Estates during a community service day for National Honor Society (NHS). This was Mr. Falk's first year being in charge of NHS.

7. The junior high girls basketball team and coach **Mr. Clay Mankin** "team it up" after a time out during a game against Riverside. With many girls on the team, the group had a diverse set of skills to work with.

8. Senior **Savannah Thomas** and sophomore **Devyn Burmeister** work together in an effort to win a tug-of-war game on Spiritual Emphasis Day. Both Thomas and Burmeister transferred to NC at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

9. During the afternoon of Digging Deeper, **Olivia Janssen (10)** and **Poko Hongdilokkul (10)** follow Mr. Bruce Crevier's instructions for dribbling the basketball. Following the morning presentation, the Creviers held small group sessions for students.

What Makes NC Special?

155 School Days in 2018-2019

Total Varsity Level Games, Meets, and Matches **146**

1,108.8 Hours Spent in School in the 2018-2019 School Year

"It's the place where I've made true friends. I have made friends who are willing to call me out when I'm in sin and will be there when I need them."

- Toby Watson (12)

"It has loving people who encourage you daily. You can grow in your walk with Christ while getting a good education."

- Chandra Davis (9)

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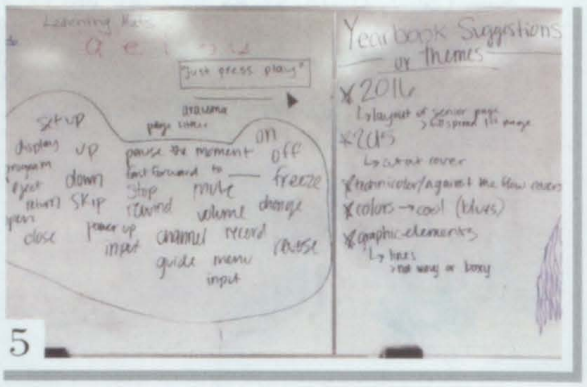

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DESIGN Students Capture School Year in 92 Pages

In the yearbook classroom, the first few weeks of school consist of pure brainstorming of themes. This led to many creative ideas, but after Walsworth Representative Keith McCoy came in and discussed the prospects, the class's vision shifted.

Nebraska Christian holds many unique qualities, but the one that stands out the most is the fact that the school educates based on the foundation of the Bible. This year's yearbook staff honored that distinctiveness by choosing a biblical theme: Wonderfully Made (Psalm 139:14).

The 2018-2019 *Reflector* was published by the Walsworth Publishing Company. Keith McCoy acted as the Walsworth Yearbook Representative and helped in the design of the cover. Michelle Brosemer was the Walsworth Service Representative. **Miss Becky Ritta** spent countless hours dedicated to the oversight of the book as Yearbook Adviser, her eleventh year serving diligently in this position. The editor of the *Reflector* was **Laura Carlson (12)**, and **Kate Pipher (12)** was the copy editor. **Adrienne Falk (12)** was the business manager, and **Carsyn Ostrand (12)** was head photographer. Other staff members included **Cody Griess (12)**, **Savannah Thomas (12)**, **Kevin Yu (12)**, **Jada McHargue (12)**, **Josie Maberry (11)**, **Seth Hower (11)**, **Garrett Swantek (11)**, and **Nehemiah Peters (9)**.

Articles, quotes, mugshots, and cut lines were written in Palatino. Page titles were in AMATIC. Subheads and questions were written using Zilla Slab. Bylines were in *Casual Hand*.

A huge "thank you" to everyone who purchased ads in this year's publication! Thanks also goes to Mrs. Mindi Green, **Mrs. Karmen Hamer**, Mr. Jeff Hower, **Mrs. Daurice Hower**, Miss Taylor Swantek, **Bennett Zaruba (12)**, Mrs. Michelle Kohl, and **Madi Felt (12)** for contributing photos. This 2018-2019 yearbook was put out only because of the hard work of many individuals. Thank you to everyone involved!

- Laura Carlson (12)

1. Seniors **Cody Griess** and **Adrienne Falk** make yearbook "vows" during the Walsworth Yearbook Conference in the fall. The event held many unique activities and provided helpful information for the creation of the book.

2. **Kate Pipher (12)** turns toward the camera with a cheerful face as she walks around Central City selling ads to local businesses. The yearbook relies on ads to publish the *Reflector*.

3. The final prototype for the yearbook cover design. The graphic element of DNA showed the unique and special design that everyone has because of God's handiwork.

4. **Laura Carlson (12)**, **Josie Maberry (11)**, and **Garrett Swantek (11)** work alongside Mr. Keith McCoy to choose a design for the yearbook cover. The team worked well together using lots of communication.

5. A sample of what the classroom white board looks like after a period of brainstorming. This was a collection of words surrounding a "Just Press Play" theme idea from the first week of class.

JEFF HOWER

May 24, 1970-
April 10, 2019

Mr. Jeff Hower--NC alumnus; former teacher, coach, and dorm parent; husband to staff member **Daurice Hower**; and father to current student **Seth Hower (11)**--passed away in April after a brief battle with cancer. An avid photographer, Hower was quick to share his photos; numerous photos in this book (and in each book from the last decade) are his. Due to his profound impact on both the school and the *Reflector*, the 2018-2019 *Reflector* staff would like to dedicate this year's book to the memory of Mr. Hower, in honor of his life and the legacy he leaves behind.

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" I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."

- Psalm 139:14